

IT'S A
BOY!

UK'S KATE GIVES BIRTH
TO ROYAL HEIR

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LONDON (AP) — Champagne bottles popped and shouts of "Hip! Hip! Hooray!" erupted at Buckingham Palace on Monday as Britain welcomed the birth of Prince William and his wife Kate's first child, a boy who is now third in line to the British throne.

Hundreds of Britons and tourists broke into song and dance outside the palace as officials announced that the future king was born at 4:24 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, at central London's St. Mary's Hospital — the same place where William and his brother Harry were born three decades ago.

The imminent arrival of the royal baby was the subject of endless speculation on social media and was covered for days on live television around the world, but in the end the royal family managed to keep it a remarkably private affair.

In line with royal tradition, a terse statement announced only the time of birth, the infant's gender and that mother and child were doing well. It gave no information about the baby's name, and officials would say only that a name would be announced "in due course."

"Her Royal Highness and her child are both doing well and will remain in hospital overnight," it said. William also issued a brief statement, saying "we could not be happier."

Officials said William, who was by his wife's side during the birth, would also spend the night in the hospital.

William's press aides had talked about preserving Kate's "dignity" throughout the pregnancy, and the way the birth was handled showed the palace's impressive stagecraft.

Tony Appleton, a town crier, announces the birth of the royal baby, outside St. Mary's Hospital exclusive Lindo Wing in London, Monday, July 22, 2013. Palace officials say Prince William's wife Kate has given birth to a baby boy. The baby was born at 4:24 p.m. and weighs 8 pounds 6 ounces. The infant will become third in line for the British throne after Prince Charles and William.

(AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)

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UK's Kate gives birth to her first royal heir

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The royals were given a bubble of privacy throughout the pregnancy almost unheard of even in the age of Twitter and 24-hour news broadcasts.

London's landmarks, including the London Eye, lit up in the national colors of red, white and blue, and the city had a party atmosphere unmatched since last summer's Olympics. Outside the hospital, a man dressed as a town crier

in traditional robes and an extravagant feathered hat shouted the news and rang a bell. A car carrying the announcement drove from the hospital to the palace, where the news was greeted with shrieks of "It's a boy!" and strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." A large crowd rushed against the palace fences to catch a glimpse of an ornate, gilded easel displaying a small bulletin

the railings. Hours after the initial announcement, crowds were still surging forward to get near the easel. Some placed presents and bouquets in front of the palace, while others waved Union Jack flags and partied on the streets

Charles and his wife, Camilla, spoke of their joy and pride in becoming grandparents for the first time.

"It is an incredibly special moment for William and Catherine and we are so thrilled for them on the birth of their baby boy," Prince Charles said in a statement.

"Grandparenthood is a unique moment in anyone's life, as countless kind people have told me in recent months, so I am enormously proud and happy to be a grandfather for the first time, and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing the baby in the near future."

It could be some time before the baby's name is made public. When William was born, a week passed before his name was announced. Charles' name remained a mystery for an entire month.

The royal birth at St. Mary's Hospital recalled that of the baby's father, William, in 1982.

Many remember the moment when he was carried out in Princess Diana's arms with proud father Prince Charles at their side.

William and Kate's son is third in line to the throne behind Charles and William.

The baby's gender had been of particular interest because the prospect of Kate's pregnancy had prompted a change in laws of succession to ensure that a daughter would not be passed over for the crown by a younger brother.

No one can tell what political and personal changes the intervening years will bring, but the baby can be expected to become the head of state of 16 countries, including Britain, Australia and Canada. The child will also eventually become Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The little prince represents a living link to Britain's imperial history as the great-great-great-great-grandchild of Queen Victoria, who ruled at the peak of British power. □



Members of the public celebrate outside Buckingham Palace after an easel was placed in the forecourt of the Palace with the notification to announce the birth of a baby boy, at 4.24pm to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at St Mary's Hospital in west London, Monday July 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Clive Gee, PA)

Just before 6 a.m., 31-year-old Kate, also known as the Duchess of Cambridge, entered the hospital through a side door, avoiding the mass of journalists camped outside. Officials did not announce she was hospitalized until more than an hour later.

Later, as the world media gathered outside filled hours of airtime with speculation, the baby's birth went unannounced for nearly four hours, allowing the royal couple the private time they needed to act like a regular family — a goal 31-year-old William has cherished.

He was able to tell his father, Prince Charles, and grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, about the birth and enjoy his wife's company without having to cope with the overwhelming media and public desire for information.

By nightfall, the public still knew very few details, but most people seemed satisfied with the day's events.

er in traditional robes and an extravagant feathered hat shouted the news and rang a bell.

A car carrying the announcement drove from the hospital to the pal-

ace, where the news was formally announcing the news.

The framed sheet of paper became the target of a thousand camera flashes as people thrust their smartphones through

to celebrate.

"It's a crazy atmosphere. Everyone is getting very excited," said Andrew Aitchison. "It's great to be part of history, to say we were here and saw it all happen."



The London Eye observation wheel on the banks of the Thames is lit up in red, blue and white to mark the birth of a baby boy to Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, London, Monday, July 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

Just what's in a royal name? It's tradition!

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LONDON (AP) — When it comes to Prince William and his wife Kate's new baby boy, choosing just one name won't do. You need about three or four.

Just ask the father, William Arthur Philip Louis. Or the grandfather, Charles Philip Arthur George. Or the great-grandmother, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

"I think because the child is going to be the third in line to the throne, they have to maintain all this tradition," said Pauline Maclaran, a professor of marketing and consumer research at Royal Holloway and the co-author of the upcoming book, "Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture."

"They'll go for three or four names and ... be able to make the right nod to the right people," she said.

And it can't just be any old moniker, either. It has to have some gravitas: Noble names are steeped in history, which explains why, as royal baby fervor mounted in recent days, thousands of bets rolled in to British bookmakers for James and Alexandra.

Albert Mehrabian, a professor emeritus of psychology at UCLA and an expert on names, firmly voted for James — which far outdistanced George in the popularity stakes.

"Names make impressions, good and bad," he said. "Among all the names I've studied, James rated the highest."

The name can also take on cultural significance. Arthur, the middle names of both Prince Charles and Prince William, evokes the legendary King Arthur and tales of chivalry — a favorite theme ingrained in British literature.

Edward VIII, who abdicated in 1936, was christened Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David — the last four were patron saints of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales respectively. □

Oh Baby! Birth Customs Of The Royal Family

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LONDON (AP) — Prince William and Kate are seen as the new face of a centuries-old institution, keeping the best of traditions while moving forward with the times.

Here are 10 things to know about the royal baby in relation to royal births of the past:

HOME BIRTHING

Most people take a hospital birth for granted these days, but just a few decades ago the custom among royals — as it was among commoners — was

born Monday in the very same wing.

HOME SCHOOLING

For a long time, royals were educated in private. The queen was taught at home by her father, tutors and governesses, and never mingled with commoners at a school, college or university.

Charles was the first royal heir to have gone to school, and William and Kate, who were both educated at independent schools, will doubtless have their son do the same.

DADS IN THE DELIVERY ROOM

William's birth.

Things were quite different when Charles was born. When the queen (then Princess Elizabeth) went into labor, her husband, Prince Philip, was off playing squash in the palace — out of restlessness, not indifference, noted Charles' biographer Jonathan Dimbleby.

OFFICIAL INTRUDERS

In the early 1900s — and probably before — custom dictated that government officials should be present when a royal was born. When the queen was born in 1926, for example, the

sneaked into the delivery room in a long-handled bed-warming pan. Some 40 to 60 people were said to have dropped in to witness the birth.

CHRISTENING

Royal babies tend to be officially christened several days to weeks after they are born, and there are a few potential places this could take place for the new baby.

The queen was christened in the private chapel at Buckingham Palace, while both William and his father Charles were christened in the palace's Music Room.



The Queen's Press Secretary Ailsa Anderson with Badar Azim, a footman, places an official document to announce the birth of a baby boy, at 4.24pm to the William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at St Mary's Hospital, in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace in London Monday July 22, 2013. The child is now third in line to the British throne.

(AP Photo/John Stillwell, Pool)

to give birth at home.

Queen Elizabeth II was born at 17 Bruton Street in London, a private family home, and she gave birth to her sons Charles, Andrew and Edward in Buckingham Palace.

Her only daughter, Princess Anne, was born at Clarence House, also a royal property.

That changed by the 1980s, when Princes William and Harry were both born at the private Lindo Wing of St. Mary's hospital in central London. William and Kate's first child — a prince — was

William said he would be there with Kate when she gave birth, in line with the expectations of many modern parents — and he delivered on that promise. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Charles, who declared how much he relished being in the delivery room in a letter to his godmother, Patricia Brabourne. "I am so thankful I was beside Diana's bedside the whole time because by the end of the day I really felt as though I'd shared deeply in the process of birth," Charles wrote shortly after

home secretary was present among the doctors.

The current home secretary, Theresa May, said the centuries-old tradition required the official to attend "as evidence that it was really a royal birth and the baby hadn't been smuggled in." Fortunately for Kate — the practice was abolished years ago by George VI.

The custom is thought to have been linked to the so-called "warming pan plot" of 1688, when rumors swirled that the supposed child of James II was

A PLAIN OLD EASEL VS. TWITTER

The traditional way the palace announces a royal baby's birth to the world is as quaint as it gets: A messenger with the news travels by car from the hospital to Buckingham Palace, carrying a piece of paper detailing the infant's gender, weight and time of birth. The bulletin is then posted on a wooden easel on the palace's forecourt for everyone to see.

This time, however, the Palace announced the news by press release. □



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White House pushing economy back to center stage

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WASHINGTON - President

Barack Obama is restarting a major effort this week to focus public attention on the U.S. economy, a strat-

egy aimed at giving him credit for the improving job market and lifting his rhetoric beyond the Beltway

squabbles that have often consumed his presidency. The new effort, which begins with a major address Wednesday followed by as many as six economic-themed speeches over the next two months, reflects how often world events, his political adversaries and his own competing agenda have conspired to knock him off that subject. Republicans were already mocking Obama on Monday, noting that his speeches were among many campaign-style efforts over the past five years to jump-start an economic conversation with Americans.

The U.S. economy has grown steadily but slowly for more than four years, with home prices, stocks and retail sales rebounding from their lows in 2009. The economic growth has not resulted in large job gains, but there has been a turnaround in longstanding pessimism among Americans about their financial futures. A New York Times/CBS News poll conducted in early June found Americans increasingly positive in their views of the nation's economy. Nearly 4 in 10 in the poll said the condition of the economy was very good or fairly good, the most in Obama's presidency.

"We have come a long way since the depths of the Great Recession," Jay Carney, the president's spokesman, said Monday. But the White House strategy brings risks, given that the economy is not yet close to full recovery from the financial crisis. Carney quickly added that "we have more work to do."

Even as they sought to build anticipation for Obama's address at Knox College in Illinois on Wednesday, White House officials acknowledged the constraints on the president, especially since political gridlock in Washington has

persisted through dozens of previous efforts at public outreach by Obama.

The economic speeches will not contain sweeping new proposals, senior administration officials said Monday. Nor are they intended to break the hardening stalemate on economic issues between the president and his Republican adversaries in Congress. Instead, they are largely repackaged economic proposals that the president has offered for years. Aides said they did not anticipate the speeches leading to a breakthrough with Republicans on looming fiscal fights.

That admission may suggest that the president's advisers recognize how little the president - any president - can do to alter the country's economic trajectory when global forces increasingly shape the U.S. financial system and the domestic political system has ground to a standstill.

In Congress, House and Senate spending bills for the coming fiscal year are so far apart that few lawmakers believe common ground can be found to pass them. Instead, the government may have to be financed come October by a stopgap measure that largely keeps spending at current levels with no changes to meet Obama's priorities - and both sides say even that is likely to be problematic.

Obama's adversaries Monday were quick to point out that the president has frequently set out on similar campaign-style efforts to redefine or restate his economic agenda, often accompanied by rhetoric from his advisers about a new direction or emphasis. Congressional Republicans said they were incredulous that Obama planned to use another set of speeches instead of legislative negotiations to advance his economic agenda. □



President Barack Obama addresses an Organizing for Action summit in Washington, Monday, July 22, 2013. The group was formed from Obama's 2012 re-election campaign with the express goal of backing his policy priorities. (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

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Official: 10 hurt as landing gear collapses at NYC

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—The front landing gear of a flight arriving at New York's LaGuardia Airport collapsed Monday right after the plane touched down on the runway, officials said, sending the aircraft skidding before it came to a halt. Ten passengers were treated at the scene, with six being taken to a hospital with minor injuries, said Thomas Bosco, Acting Director of Aviation for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees the area airports. The six crew members were taken to another hospital for observation. Dallas-based Southwest said there were 150 people on Flight 345 coming from Nashville, Tennessee, while the Port Authority said the total was 149.

Bosco said the nose gear of the plane collapsed when it landed at 5:40 p.m., and "the aircraft skidded down the runway on its nose and then veered off and came to rest in the grass area." Bosco said there was no advance warning of any possible problem before the landing.

Emergency crews were seen spraying foam toward the front end of the plane on the tarmac. The Port Authority said the passengers exited the plane by using emergency chutes. The airport was temporarily closed, but one of two runways was operating shortly after 7 p.m., and Bosco said the Port Authority was hoping to have the airport fully open by Tuesday morning.

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating, as is the National Transportation Safety Board.

Richard Strauss, who was on a nearby plane waiting

to take off for Washington, said the nose of the plane was "completely down on the ground. It's something that I've never seen before. It's bizarre."

A rear stairwell or slide could be seen extending from the Southwest aircraft, said Strauss, who owns a Washington public relations firm. His plane, which was about 100 yards (90 meters) from the Southwest flight, wasn't allowed to taxi back to the gate, he said. Bobby Abtahi, an attorney trying to catch a flight to Dallas, was watching from the terminal and heard a crowd reacting to the accident.

"I heard some people gasp and scream. I looked over and saw sparks flying at the front of the plane," he said.

The incident came 16 days after Asiana Flight 214 crash-landed at San Francisco's international airport on July 6, killing two Chinese teenagers; a third was killed when a fire truck ran over her while responding to the crash, authorities said. Dozens of people were injured in that landing, which involved a Boeing 777 flying from South Korea. Longtime pilot Patrick Smith, author of "Cockpit Confidential: Everything You Need to Know About Air Travel. Questions, Answers, and Reflections" and AskthePilot.com, said landing gear incidents are not high on the list of worries for pilots.

"It doesn't happen very often but I need to emphasize just how comparatively minor this is and how far, far down the hierarchy it is," he said. From a pilot's perspective, this is nearly a non-issue. They make for good television, but this is far down the list of nightmares for pilots. □



A southwest airlines plane rests on the tarmac after what officials say was a nose gear collapse during a landing at LaGuardia Airport, Monday, July 22, 2013, in New York. The Federal Aviation Administration says the plane landed safely. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)



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New York City: Five mayoral candidates spend the night in city housing

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NEW YORK - What do you do when a candidate for mayor of New York City is sleeping on your couch? Katherine Wilson, a nurse's aide who is unemployed, tiptoed around Bill de Blasio, the New York City public advocate, as he lay in her living room in a Harlem housing project Sunday morning, his 6-foot-5 frame slightly exceeding the length of the couch. She walked into the kitchen, thinking she might quietly whip up a plate of eggs and bacon for him. But the slam of a bathroom door, she said, seemed to startle him awake.

"It was a dream," Wilson said. "I've never had anyone like that in my house before."

The mayoral race took on the air of a reality show this weekend as five Democratic candidates, who came with sleeping bags and travel-size tubes of toothpaste, spent a night with residents of Lincoln Houses, a 3,100-resident complex constructed in 1948. It was a stark change of scenery for the candidates, some of whom reside in million-dollar homes. On Saturday night, they slept on floors or sofas, braved rooms without air-conditioning, and endured showers with weak water pressure. They stayed up past midnight watching television shows like "CSI: Miami" and bonded with residents about the New York Yankees and the heat wave.

The candidates emerged at a news conference at dawn, bleary-eyed and cradling cups of coffee. Most of them wore their best casual wear, with Anthony D. Weiner, the former congressman, in red shorts, and John C. Liu, the city comptroller, in a white T-shirt. De Blasio wore a suit, ready for an appearance at church. Looking out on a crowd of cameras, the candidates said they had gained a better understanding of the plight of low-income families. De Blasio said he was taken aback by the poor condition of Wilson's apartment, where a set of mold-covered cabinets lies on the floor of the kitchen, two years after a flood, despite her repeated requests for repairs. "If this were a condo building just blocks away from here," he said, "it would have been fixed in days."

Christine C. Quinn, the City Council speaker, said she was startled by the condi-



Anthony Weiner, a mayoral candidate, with his sleeping bag in his host Diane Beebe's apartment at the Lincoln Houses in the Harlem neighborhood of New York, July 20, 2013.

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

tion of the bathrooms. "If you were in a horror movie, you would be just a couple of minutes away from the black mold overtaking the bathroom," she said in an interview.

Liu, known for his grueling campaign schedules, packed in a late-night tour of the neighborhood after saying good night to his host family around midnight. "The major complaints were about the fact that they needed jobs," Liu said. "They wanted to work." While the sleepover made for good publicity, it did not necessarily bring votes. Barbara Gamble, a retired nursing home worker who hosted William C. Thompson Jr., a former city comptroller, said she was still undecided on a candidate. Still, she said, she felt Thompson connected with her when they watched the news and talked about their shared love of Popeyes, the fast-food chain. After the visit, Thompson

said he would work to expedite repairs for residents of public housing. "These are our neighbors," he said. "They should not be ignored. They should not be treated as second-class citizens." Each candidate was allowed to bring one person along for the sleepover, which was coordinated by the National Action Network, the advocacy group led by the Rev. Al Sharpton. De Blasio brought his 18-year-old daughter, Chiara. Liu brought an aide from the comptroller's office. Quinn was accompanied by a spokeswoman for her campaign. Thompson brought the leader of a union that represents housing workers. Weiner showed up alone. □



Bill de Blasio with his daughter, Chiara, left, with Katherine Wilson, in whose apartment they stayed, in the Lincoln Houses in the Harlem neighborhood of New York, July 20, 2013.

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

US Financial Front:

American home sales dip but remain near 3½-year high

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sales of previously occupied homes slipped in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.08 million but remain near a 3½-year high.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that sales fell 1.2 percent last month from an annual rate of 5.14 million in May. The NAR revised down May's sales, but they were still the highest since November 2009.

Despite last month's dip, home sales have surged 15.2 percent from a year ago. Sales have recovered since early last year, buoyed by job gains and low mortgage rates.

Still, mortgage rates have surged in recent weeks over concern that the Federal Reserve could slow its bond-buying programs lat-

er this year. The Fed's bond purchases have helped keep long-term mortgage and other rates low.

Higher mortgage rates slowed sales last month of higher-priced homes in states such as California and New York, the Realtors group said.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage leapt to 4.46 percent by the end of June from 3.81 percent at the end of May. The rate was 4.37 percent last week. That rate increase could hamper sales in coming months, economists said. But most expect housing to continue to recover, though at a slower pace.

"There's little doubt the housing market slowed in the summer as mortgage rates rose," Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at BTIG LLC, an institutional brokerage, said in a note to clients. "Housing is

still expected to grow and contribute to economic output. It just may not be at the pace we've seen of late."

Sales of previously occupied homes in June reflect contracts that were mostly signed in April and

May, when mortgage rates were lower. Rising rates can cause some signed contracts to fall through if buyers no longer qualify for mortgages at higher rates. The one factor that's likely most holding back sales is a limited supply of homes

available. Though more sellers put their homes on the market in June, the supply remained unusually low — nearly 8 percent less than a year ago.

At the current sales pace, the number of homes for sale would be exhausted in 5.2 months. That's below the six months' supply that's consistent with a healthy housing market.

Another concern is that first-time buyers, who usually drive healthy markets, aren't participating as much in the current recovery. They made up only 29 percent of buyers in June, below the 40 percent that is typical. Since the housing bubble burst more than six years ago, banks have imposed tighter credit conditions and required larger down payments. That's made it harder for first-time buyers to qualify for mortgages. □



Photo shows a home for sale in Washington D.C. metro region. The National Association of Realtors said Monday that sales fell 1.2 percent last month from an annual rate of 5.14 million in May. The NAR revised down May's sales, but they were still the highest since November 2009.

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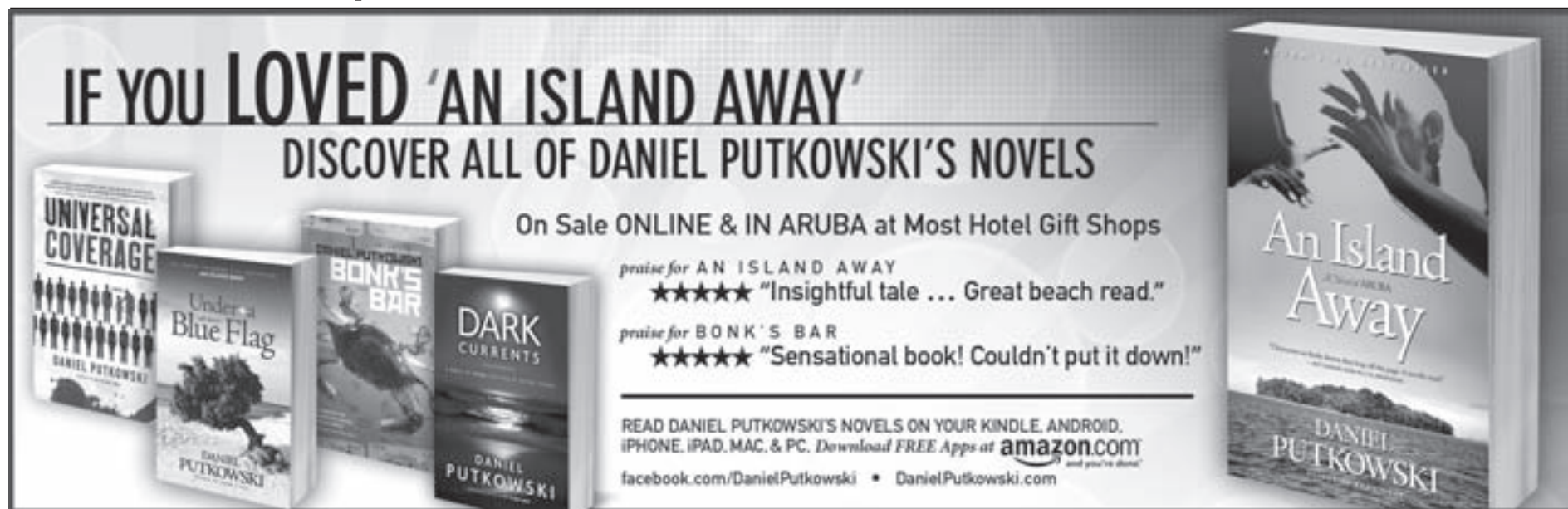
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US roller coaster has recent history of injuries

JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly a dozen people reported being injured in the last five years while riding the Texas roller coaster where a woman fell to her death last week, though the most serious injuries appear to be a concussion and muscles strains due to jostling, state records show.

Six Flags Over Texas reported 14 injuries involving the Texas Giant roller coaster between April 2008 and April 2013, according to Texas Department of Insurance records. Three happened before or after the ride, such as tripping on the steps leading to the ride.

Department spokesman Jerry Hagins said the ride was currently closed and wouldn't reopen until the department sees a new safety inspection report.

Amusement park safety analyst Ken Martin noted that such injuries are self-reported, so it's hard to gauge their accuracy. He also said such numbers don't include "near-misses."

"The numbers that we hear about are typically the tip of the iceberg," he said.

Rosa Ayala-Goana fell while riding the roller coaster Friday at the Six Flags amusement park. A witness told local media that Ayala-Goana expressed concern moments before the 14-story ride began that the safety bar had not completely engaged.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office confirmed Monday that the

52-year-old suffered "multiple traumatic injuries" in the fall.

A man who identified himself as Ayala-Goana's son declined comment.

Walter Reiss, an amusement park ride safety inspector, said fatal accidents on roller coasters "are very unusual and infrequent." He added, "Most times that you have death accidents, it was something either ignorant or human error."

Six Flags Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Jim Reid-Anderson said the company was using "both internal and external experts" to investigate the accident, but he offered no details during a conference call to discuss the company's earnings.

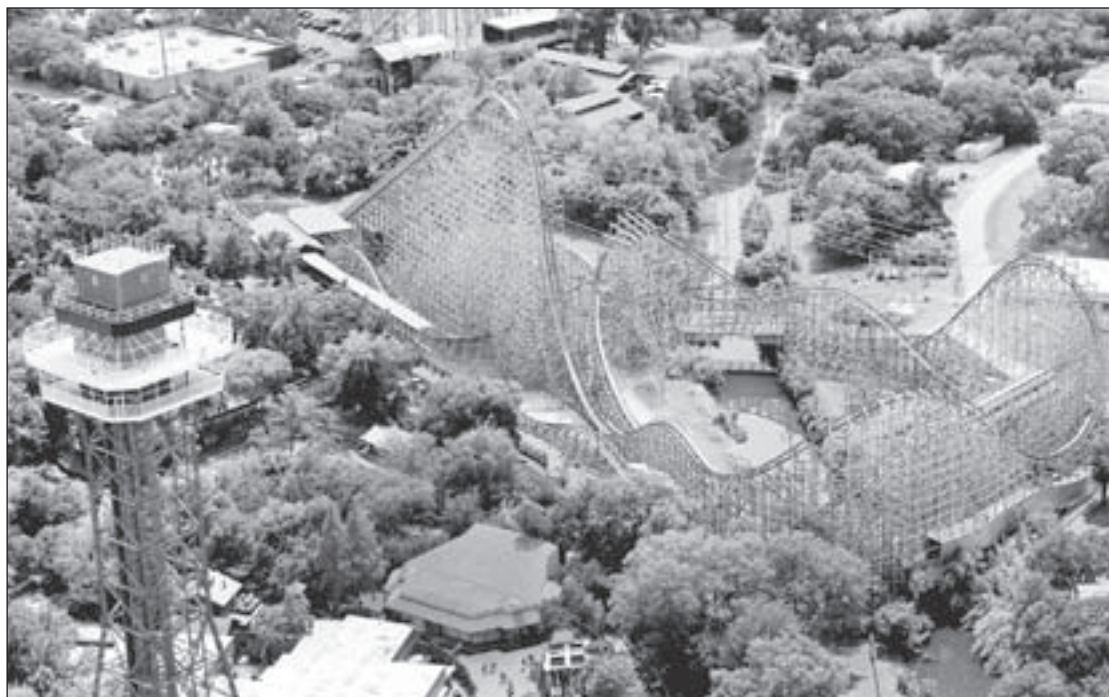
In an email to The Associated Press, Six Flags spokeswoman Sharon Parker said the company "will not re-

lease any details pertaining to the investigation until it is complete."

The Texas Giant first opened in 1990 as an all-wooden

coaster but underwent a \$10 million renovation in 2010 to install steel-hybrid rails before reopening in 2011.

The coaster, which can carry as many as 24 riders, has a drop of 79 degrees and a bank of 95 degrees. □



This aerial photo shows the Texas Giant roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas where a woman fell to her death, Saturday, July 20, 2013, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo/Louis DeLuca)

Youth activists detained while trying to enter US

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Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — U.S. authorities have detained eight activists who asked to be allowed to re-enter the United States from Mexico on humanitarian grounds in a protest against American immigration policies.

Customs and Border Protection officials detained the activists Monday after they filed applications for humanitarian parole at the Nogales border crossing to try to return to the United States.

CBP officials said they could not comment on specific

cases but under immigration law all applicants for admission bear the burden of proof to establish they are eligible to enter the country.

Domenic Powell, a spokesman for the National Immigrant Youth Alliance, said the group hadn't been taken to a detention center as of Monday afternoon.

He said the alliance would continue to pressure federal authorities to let the eight activists "go back home" to the U.S.

Margo Cowan, a lawyer for the group, says she will file asylum applications on

behalf of the activists if they are denied humanitarian parole. On the U.S. side of the border, about 60 people waiting for the activists chanted in Spanish, "No papers, no fear."

Three activists left the U.S. and traveled to Mexico expressly to participate in the protest. The group wants to draw attention to the huge jump in deportations carried out under the Obama administration, and reaffirm their attachment to the country where they were raised.

The first one to be detained was Claudia Amaro Escal-

era, 37, along with her U.S.-born son Yamil, 13. Amaro Escalera returned to Mexico six years ago after her husband was deported but lived more than 20 years in the U.S. and calls America home.

Cowan said, "This will be a decision to be taken by the Obama administration, maybe not immediately, but I trust it will be the right decision."

Humanitarian parole means the activists can be released with the understanding that they are not a menace to society, she explained. □



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Amid sustained chaos, Morsi's family denounces military

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The family of ousted President Mohammed Morsi furiously denounced the military Monday, accusing it of "kidnapping" him, and European diplomats urged that Egypt's first freely elected leader be released after being held incommunicado for nearly three weeks since being deposed by the army. The fate of Morsi, who has been held without charge, has become a focus of the political battle between his Muslim Brotherhood and the new military-backed government. The Brotherhood has tried to use Morsi's detention to rally the country to its side, hoping to restore its badly damaged popularity. The interim government, in turn, appears in part to be using it to pressure his supporters into backing down from their protests demanding his reinstatement. Those protests again turned violent Monday, with clashes breaking out between Morsi supporters and opponents near Cairo's Tahrir Square, and between pro-Morsi demonstrators and police in a city on the capital's northern edge. At least four people were killed. So far, however, the outcry over Morsi's detention seems to have gained little traction beyond the president's supporters, without bringing significantly greater numbers to its ongoing rallies around the country. Millions of Egyptians filled the streets starting June 30, demanding the president's removal after a year in office and leading to the coup that ousted him. Anti-Brotherhood sentiment remains strong, further fueled by protests that block traffic in congested city centers and by media that have

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kept a staunchly anti-Morsi line. Egyptian human rights groups have said he should either be freed or charged. Behind-the-scenes talks have been taking place through mediators between Brotherhood figures and the interim government — centered around releasing Morsi and other detained leaders of the group in return for an end to protests by his supporters, according to Mohammed Aboul-Ghar, head of a liberal political party that backed the president's overthrow. The military fears that Morsi's release "would only increase protests and make them more aggressive," he told The Associated Press. At least five other prominent Brotherhood members have also been detained. The military also has said that there is no way the measures taken against Morsi will be reversed. The Brotherhood so far seems unlikely to make a deal, saying it cannot accept a military coup. It and other Morsi supporters vow they will not stop protests until he is returned to office, and they have said there will be no negotiations with the new leadership unless it accepts his reinstatement. They have denied any back-channel talks are taking place. In a toughly worded statement Monday, the Brotherhood laid out a plan for resolving the crisis that was little changed from what Morsi proposed in his final days in office. It said Morsi must first be reinstated along with the now-dissolved upper house of parliament and the suspended constitution, followed by new parliament elections that would start a process for amending the constitution, and then a "national dialogue" could be held. □



An Egyptian man with a pistol, second left, and opponents of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi, detain a suspected Morsi supporter who was wounded during clashes in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, July 22, 2013. On Monday, clashes broke out between Morsi supporters and opponents near Cairo's Tahrir Square and in the city of Qalioub on the capital's outskirts, where at least one person was shot to death, security officials said. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

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Pope delighted with Brazilian crowds; security on edge

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Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A wrong turn sent a humble Fiat carrying Pope Francis into the thick of a frenzied Rio crowd Monday, in his first minutes back in South America since becoming pontiff.

It was a nightmare for security officials, but for the clearly delighted pope

just another opportunity to connect.

Ecstatic throngs forced his motorcade to repeatedly come to a standstill, weeks after violent protests against the government paralyzed parts of Brazil. Francis' driver had turned into the wrong side of a boulevard at one point, missing lanes that had been cleared. Other parts of the pope's route to the

city center weren't lined with fencing, giving the throngs more chances to get close, with uniformed police nowhere in sight to act as crowd control.

The three dozen visible Vatican and Brazilian plainclothes security officials struggled to keep the crowds at bay. Francis, however, not only looked calm but got even closer to the people. He rolled

down his back-seat window, waved to the crowd and touched those who reached inside. He kissed a baby a woman handed to him.

"His secretary was afraid," papal spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said. "But the pope was happy." The pope is here on a seven-day visit meant to fan the fervor of the faithful around the globe. That task

has grown more challenging as Roman Catholics stray, even in strongholds of the religion such as Brazil, yet it seemed to come easily to Francis even on the drive from the airport to an official opening ceremony.

After finally making it past crowds and blocked traffic, Francis switched to an open-air vehicle as he toured around the main streets in downtown Rio through mobs of people who screamed wildly as he waved and smiled. He left his popemobile — the bulletproof one — in the Vatican garage so he could better connect with people during the church's World Youth Day.

The Vatican insisted they had no concern for the pope's safety as his vehicles eased through the masses, but Lombardi acknowledged that there might have been some "errors" that need correcting. "This is something new, maybe also a lesson for the coming days," Lombardi said.

"I can't travel to Rome, but he came here to make my country better ... and to deepen our faith," Idaclea Rangel, a 73-year-old Catholic choked through her tears after the pope passed by.

As many as 1 million young people from around the world are expected in Rio for the Catholic youth fest, a seemingly tailor-made event for the Argentine-born pope, who has proven enormously popular in his four months on the job. But the fervor of the crowds that regularly greet Francis in St. Peter's Square was nothing compared with the raucous welcome in Rio.

Popes generally get a warm welcome in Latin America; even the more aloof Pope Benedict XVI received a hero's welcome when he visited Mexico and Cuba in 2012. John Paul II frequently received rock star treatment, and during one 1996 visit to Venezuela, his motorcade was similarly mobbed when he stopped to greet well-wishers after greeting prisoners. □



Pope Francis waves from his popemobile as he make his way into central Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday, July 22, 2013. The pontiff arrived for a seven-day visit in Brazil, the world's most populous Roman Catholic nation. During his visit, Francis will meet with legions of young Roman Catholics converging on Rio for the church's World Youth Day festival.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Deadly Iraq prison raids free hundreds of inmates

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi security forces locked down areas around the infamous Abu Ghraib prison and another high-security detention facility on Baghdad's outskirts Monday to hunt for escaped inmates and militants after daring insurgent assaults set hundreds of detainees free.

The carefully orchestrated late-night attacks killed dozens Sunday, including at least 25 members of the Iraqi security forces. Insurgents fired dozens of mortar shells and detonated

suicide and car bombs, drawing Iraqi forces into firefights that lasted more than an hour.

Attacks elsewhere claimed at least 18 more lives on Monday, many of them soldiers, highlighting the rapidly deteriorating security conditions across Iraq.

The prisons in Abu Ghraib and Taji house thousands of prisoners, including convicted al-Qaida militants. Exactly one year ago, al-Qaida's Iraq arm launched a campaign called "Breaking the Walls" that made freeing its imprisoned members a top priority.

A surge of violence across

Iraq has killed more than 3,000 people since the start of April, and the assaults on the prisons laid bare the degree to which security has eroded in the country in recent months. The spike in bloodshed is intensifying fears of a return to the widespread sectarian killing that pushed the country to the brink of civil war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Several officials, including lawmakers on parliament's security and defense committee, said more than 500 inmates managed to escape from Abu Ghraib. There were no immediate

reports of escapes from Taji. Authorities imposed curfews around both prisons as manhunts got under way. Guards at Taji appeared visibly on edge Monday, with rifles at the ready and wary police warning motorists not to idle even briefly nearby.

"This big security failure shows that the top security commanders have failed to sort out any solutions for the ongoing security deterioration," said Shawan Mohammed Taha, one of the lawmakers who confirmed the escapes. "The terrorists, not the security forces, are now taking the initiative." □

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Dubai pardons woman at center of rape dispute

BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — With her passport back in hand, a Norwegian woman at the center of a Dubai rape claim dispute said Monday that officials dropped her 16-month sentence for having sex outside marriage in the latest clash between the city's Islamic-based legal codes and its international branding as a Western-friendly haven.

Dubai authorities hope the pardon of the 24-year-old woman will allow them to sidestep another potentially embarrassing blow to the city's heavily promoted image as a forward-looking model of luxury, excess and cross-cultural understanding. "I am very, very happy," Marte Deborah Dalelv told The Associated Press after she was cleared by the order of Dubai's ruler. "I am overjoyed."

But the case points to wider issues embedded in the rapid rise of Gulf centers such as Dubai and Qatar's capital of Doha, host for the 2022 World Cup. These cities' cosmopolitan ambitions often find themselves at odds with the tug of traditional views on sex and alcohol. Both alcohol consumption without a proper license and sex outside marriage are outlawed, but the rules are difficult to enforce and generally only become an issue if authorities are alerted. □

Netanyahu fast-tracking peace referendum bill

KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's premier announced Monday he is fast-tracking

Palestinian negotiators to Washington for preliminary talks, though wide gaps remain on the framework of the actual negotiations.

Polls have suggested a majority of Israelis support the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, but many groups are

a peace deal are particularly explosive, including a partition of Jerusalem, home to major religious shrines and claimed by both sides as a capital.

Peace talks would also determine Israel's borders with a future Palestine and the fate of Palestinian refugees and their millions of descendants.

Netanyahu said he would present legislation on a referendum to his Cabinet and parliament soon.

"Any agreement that is not approved by the people is not worthy of being signed," Netanyahu said in an announcement from Israel's parliament. On an issue as fateful as a peace deal, "it is desirable that it be presented to every single citizen to decide," he said. Earlier Monday, one of Netanyahu's main coalition partners, Economics Minister Naftali Bennett of the pro-settler Jewish Home Party, linked crucial support in an upcoming vote on the government budget to progress on a referendum bill. □



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement to the media at the Knesset, Israeli parliament, in Jerusalem, Monday, July 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Baz Ratner, Pool)

legislation that would allow him to put any peace deal with the Palestinians to a national referendum — an apparent attempt to silence hard-liners in his party and coalition government.

Benjamin Netanyahu spoke three days after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said progress has been made toward a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, stalled for five years.

Kerry has invited Israeli and

Netanyahu said Monday that a referendum is necessary to prevent a rift in Israeli society.

vehemently opposed, including hard-liners among Israel's West Bank settlers. Some issues to be settled in

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Santos vows firm retaliation after FARC kills 19

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Juan Manuel Santos has promised decisive retaliation after Colombia's main rebel band killed 19 soldiers in a single day in the biggest blow to the military since peace talks began in November. Santos traveled on Sunday to Arauca state on the Venezuelan border, where 15 members of an army battalion that guards oil facilities were killed in an

ambush Saturday. The other four soldiers killed in combat Saturday died in the town of Doncello in the southern state of Caqueta, a traditional stronghold of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The attacks fell on Colombia's independence day. The rebels, known by their Spanish initials FARC, had sought a cease-fire when peace talks launched in Havana in November but

Santos refused. From 1999 to 2002, the government granted the FARC a Switzerland-sized safe haven in the country's south for peace talks that failed. In his visit to Arauca, Santos ordered the military high command to put "the entire machinery" of war into motion against the FARC. "Just as we have extended our hand and are in negotiations, so do we have a big stick. We have decisive

military force and will apply it," he said. The FARC have been badly battered militarily in recent years and analysts say chances of ending its nearly half-century-old insurgency have never been better. Both sides say they have reached a preliminary agreement on land reform. But they also say nothing is settled until everything on the six-point agenda is agreed upon. □



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, left, and Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, review troops prior to a meeting with Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos in Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela, Monday, July 22, 2013. Santos has promised decisive retaliation after Colombia's main rebel band killed 19 soldiers in a single day in the biggest blow to the military since peace talks began in November. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

Amex reaches settlement on Cuba travelling

C. ARMARIO

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — American Express Co. has reached a settlement with the U.S. Treasury Department over more than 14,000 tickets that were issued for travel between Cuba and countries outside the U.S., officials announced Monday. American Express Travel Related Services, Inc. has agreed to pay \$5.2 million to settle potential civil liability for apparent federal violations. The Treasury Department found that foreign branch offices and subsidiaries of American Express issued about 14,487 tickets for travel to and from the island between December 2005 and November 2011. Those bookings were an apparent violation of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations. The rules issued in 1963 prohibit financial transactions by banking institutions under U.S. jurisdiction in which Cuba or its citizens have an interest.

"We voluntarily self-disclosed these bookings to OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control), and put in place robust controls to ensure it would not recur," American Express spokeswoman Diana Postemsky said in a written statement. American Express can provide travel service arrangements for authorized trips to the island, but the bookings in question were never approved by the federal government.

It's not the first time American Express has come under federal scrutiny for its handling of Cuba-related travel. The company was investigated in 1995 and 1996 for similar violations committed by a subsidiary that had recently been acquired, according to the Treasury Department.

Federal officials said American Express showed "reckless disregard" for the regulations. "The apparent violations caused significant harm to U.S. sanctions program objectives regarding Cuba," the Treasury Department said in announcing the settlement. □

FARC offers to arm coca growers in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's main rebel group is offering to arm coca growers who have been blocking roads for more than a month in a turbulent northeastern region to demand a halt in coca eradication.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia made the offer in statement posted on its website Monday. Over the weekend, the FARC killed 19 soldiers in the government's biggest military setback since the two parties opened peace

talks in November. Colombian authorities claim rebels have already infiltrated the coca growers' protest. The FARC says that the peace talks to end its 49-year-old insurgency notwithstanding, "as long

as the Colombian people are being abused, as they are today, an accord will be impossible." One issue on the peace talks' agenda is FARC assistance in dismantling Colombia's drug trade. □



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is like being at their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Ernest Giel represent-

ing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Gloria Defoe and friends from the honorees. □

EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very nice couples whom are loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Divi Village Beach Resort, as Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as

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his money, having arrived ahead of 30 other players at the championship. He

is seen here with casino executive Norman Becker who manages the poker room.

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For more information regarding the PPC Aruba, including schedules for the entire event, please visit their website or the Casino at the Radisson. □

Explore the works of Caribbean Queen Artist Trudy Lampe

PALM BEACH - We are proud to introduce our Caribbean Queen for July 2013, local artist Trudy Lampe, who prominently displays her beautiful African Caribbean Driftwood Masks in our boutique this month.

Trudy was born in the fishing village of Savaneta, in southwestern Aruba. Her interest in art began at a very early age, as she hails from a creative family, her dad being a talented musician.

In 1976 she took her first pottery course. She continued exploring the art and developing her technique in the Netherlands at Sticusa, a Dutch foundation for the arts, for a period of two years. In 1978, she came back to Aruba to work at the not-for-profit Fundacion Artesania Arubiano, teaching all she had learned overseas to young students, some of them handicapped.

In 1980 she started her own pottery studio, producing a variety of artisan products, targeting tourists as potential clients.

At the same time she was also inspired to paint Aruban landscapes on her ceramic pieces.

As the demand for her work grew, she experimented with paint on different materials, such as driftwood, and having always been an admirer of African and Indian masks, she was moved to combine those images with Caribbean themes, creating her signature African-Caribbean masks. Trudy favors the use of bright colors, their en-

ergy reminding her audience that she lives and works in the Caribbean. "My personal imagination," she explains, "paints the Caribbean's bright and

happy colors, reflecting a carefree lifestyle, in warm weather, surrounded by gentle people."

Trudy's atelier can be found in her home village



of Savaneta, where she raises her family of three kids. Her work will be on dis-

play at Caribbean Queen, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, for the entire month of July. □

Stephen Grob honored at the Casa del Mar Resort



EAGLE BEACH - Recently, Mr. Stephen Grob was honored as a Distinguished Visitor for the island of Aruba for returning for 10 years consecutively. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecutive.

Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Casa del Mar Resort. Top reasons for returning provided by the honorees were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather, and Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food. On the pictures Mr. Croes from ATA together with Mr. Stephen Grob and also hotel Rep. from Casa Del Mar Resort. □

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Former MVP Ryan Braun suspended



Milwaukee Brewers general manager Doug Melvin talks to reporters about Ryan Braun's MLB suspension before a game against the San Diego Padres Monday, July 22, 2013, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Former National League MVP Ryan Braun was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the postseason Monday, the first penalty from baseball's investigation of players reportedly linked to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. The Milwaukee Brewers star accepted the 65-game penalty, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test for elevated testosterone because the urine sample had been improperly handled. "I am not perfect. I realize now that I have made some mistakes. I am willing to accept the consequences of those actions," he said in a statement. Braun, injured Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and more than a dozen players were targeted by MLB follow-

ing a report by Miami New Times in January that they had been connected with Biogenesis of America, a now-closed anti-aging clinic. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig announced the penalty Monday, citing Braun for multiple unspecified "violations" of baseball's drug program and labor contract. Braun will miss the Milwaukee Brewers' final 65 games without pay, costing him about \$3 million of his \$8.5 million salary. Under the agreement reached by MLB and the players' association the specifics of Braun's admission won't be made public. The sides also wouldn't say whether this counted as a single violation or more under baseball's drug agreement. "We commend Ryan Braun for taking responsibility for his past actions," said Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for economics and league affairs. "We



Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun reacts after striking out after pinch hitting during the 11th inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins Sunday, July 21, 2013, in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

all agree that it is in the best interests of the game to resolve this matter. When Ryan returns, we look forward to him making positive contributions to Major League Baseball, both on and off the field." Union head Michael Weiner said in a statement: "I am deeply gratified to see Ryan taking this bold step. It vindicates the rights of all players under the joint drug program. It is good for the game that Ryan will return soon to continue his great work both on and off the field." Braun's acceptance of a suspension marks a 180-degree turnaround from his defiant spring training news conference in Phoenix last year, after his 50-game ban

was overturned. "We won," he said then, "because the truth is on my side. The truth is always relevant, and at the end of the day, the truth prevailed." Braun became the latest star tripped up by baseball's drug rules. The sport was criticized for allowing bulked up sluggers to set power records in the 1990s and only started testing in 2003. Since then, testing and penalties have become more stringent and last year San Francisco's Melky Cabrera was suspended for 50 games, just weeks after he was voted Most Valuable Player of the All-Star game. Four All-Stars this year have been linked in media re-

ports to Biogenesis: Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta. Other players reportedly tied to Biogenesis include Cabrera, now with the Toronto Blue Jays, Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and Seattle catcher Jesus Montero. Weiner said last week that arbitration hearings for players contesting suspensions likely would not start until September, which would delay any penalty until next season. But he also indicated the union would urge players to make a deal and get a suspension over with if there was strong evidence of guilt. □

WNBA Roundup

Catchings, Fever beat Mystics 65-52

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Tamika Catchings scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds as the surging Indiana Fever swept the home-and-away series from the Washington Mystics with a 65-52 win on Sunday.

Shavonte Zellous scored 12 points for the Fever, who have won six of seven games since rebounding from a seven-game losing streak.

The defending WNBA champions opened a double-figure lead in the second quarter and only briefly let the margin slip back into single digits.

The Fever closed the first half on 12-1 run, including the final seven points, and Zellous opened the third quarter with two free throws for a 32-16 lead.

Catchings' free throws

later in the quarter capped an 8-0 spurt and Indiana led 49-36 entering the fourth quarter.

Monique Currie had 15 points for the Mystics (8-9), who scored their fewest points this season.

Crystal Langhorne, Washington's leading scorer, did not score and only played sporadically in the second half.

Minnesota 82, Phoenix 77

At Phoenix, Maya Moore hit a 3-pointer, stole an in-bounds pass and made a layup in the final minute to lift Minnesota to its sixth straight victory.

Rebecca Brunson had 18 points and 13 rebounds and Seimone Augustus 15 points for the Lynx, who have won eight of their last nine.

Diana Taurasi had 26

points, six rebounds and six assists for the Mercury, who led much of the game, and had a 64-59 advantage going into the final period and a 74-73 lead with 1:35 left.

Tulsa 90, Atlanta 63

At Tulsa, Glory Johnson had 24 points and 10 rebounds and Liz Cambage added 23 points and 15 rebounds as the Lynx extended their winning streak to three games.

Atlanta lost its fourth straight game after having won six in a row.

Johnson and Cambage scored 11 points each and combined for 13 rebounds in helping Tulsa take a 44-35 lead at halftime.

The Shock extended their lead to 71-50 entering the final quarter and Atlanta got no closer than 16 points



Phoenix Mercury's Candice Dupree (4) scrambles with Minnesota Lynx's Devereaux Peters (14) and Maya Moore for a loose ball during the first half of a WNBA basketball game Sunday, July 21, 2013, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

the rest of the way.

In other matches, the Minnesota Lynx had a 82-77

win over the Mercury and the Tulsa Shock beat the Atlanta Dream 90-63. □

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AL Capsules

Colon masterful for A's in 6-0 win over Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Bartolo Colon pitched a four-hitter for his third shut-out this season and center fielder Chris Young robbed Albert Pujols of a home run to help the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-0 on Sunday.

Eric Sogard hit a run homer to back Colon (13-3), who struck out five and walked one. The 40-year-old right-hander, making his first start since returning from his third All-Star game, tied Max Scherzer and Adam Wainwright for the major league lead in wins while reducing his ERA to 2.52. Colon is 10-1 with a 1.46 ERA over his last 12 outings. The 116-pitch complete game was Colon's 35th in 395 big league starts, and the shutout was the 12th of his career. Young preserved Oakland's ninth shutout of the year when he pulled back Pujols' bid for his 492nd homer leading off the seventh.

RED SOX 8, YANKEES 7, 11 INNINGS

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Na-

poli homered with two outs in the 11th inning — his second of the game — to help Boston beat New York.

The Red Sox scored seven runs after falling behind 3-0, thanks in part to Napoli's three-run homer in the third. But they coughed up the lead when New York scored two in the sixth and two in the seventh to level it 7-all.

It stayed that way until Napoli hit a 3-2 pitch from Adam Warren (1-1) into the center field bleachers.

Pedro Beato (1-0) pitched the 11th for the win, giving up a single to Eduardo Nunez before he was erased trying to steal second; replays showed he was barely safe.

Nunez, Brett Gardner and Robinson Cano had three hits apiece for the Yankees.

ORIOLES 4, RANGERS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Chris Tillman pitched into the ninth inning in his return from the All-Star game as Baltimore beat Texas to sweep a three-game series between 2012 playoff

teams.

Matt Wieters had two hits and scored twice to help the Orioles (56-43) move

timore won last year's AL wild-card game.

Tillman (12-3) gave up two runs and six hits while strik-



Oakland Athletics starter Bartolo Colon pitches to the Los Angeles Angels in the first inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, July 21, 2013.

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a season-high 13 games over .500 with their seventh victory in eight games. They sure seem comfortable in Texas, where Bal-

ing out seven, making Baltimore starters 7-1 in the last eight games. The 25-year-old righty was three outs from his first career com-

plete game when Adrian Beltre chased him with a leadoff homer in the ninth. Darren O'Day got two outs to earn his second save.

Martin Perez (3-3) pitched 6 1-3 innings for the Rangers, giving up four runs and nine hits. He didn't get much help from his defense.

Texas has dropped four straight and seven of eight. TIGERS 4, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Miguel Cabrera and Andy Dirks homered as the Tigers beat the Royals to avoid being swept.

Doug Fister (8-5) picked up the victory with six strong innings, yielding a run, while allowing six hits and striking out five and walking one.

Cabrera, who is second in the league with 31 home runs to Chris Davis of the Baltimore Orioles, drove a 1-1 pitch out to left in the first inning.

Miguel Tejada tied it in the second with his third home run of the season and the 307th of his career. Tejada took an 0-1 Fister pitch out to left. □



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) throws the ball as running back DeMarco Murray, left, runs at NFL football training camp on Sunday, July 21, 2013, in Oxnard, Calif.

Associated Press

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, California (AP) — Tony Romo was waiting in California when the Dallas Cowboys arrived for training camp.

Romo, who didn't take a real snap in offseason workouts after signing the richest contract in the club's history, finally returned for the first training

camp practices Sunday after "uniquely running mountains" on the West Coast.

That's how owner Jerry Jones described his quarterback's efforts to get back in shape after a procedure to have a cyst removed from his back in April.

Romo says he tried to cram a full offseason of condi-

Romo ramps up conditioning makes it back for camp

tioning into the last month and a half, including what he called some "boot camp" training in California in the week and a half before his teammates joined him.

"I worked as hard as I could," Romo said. "I took that approach every day I woke up. I had to improve not just a little but a lot each day. I think that helped me get ready for today and hopefully for the beginning of the season."

It's been 10 years since Romo joined the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent out of Eastern Illinois, but he's not at the bottom of the depth chart anymore. Now he signs autographs on his way to the field for practice, then has all his throws analyzed by sideline observers looking for the slightest hint of how

much the down time in the spring affected him.

And that's seven weeks before the start of the regular season.

"He'll tell you right now he just has to continue do the conditioning stuff necessary," coach Jason Garrett said. "When you're coming off an injury, that's always a big concern. You're trying to get the injured healed, but you've got make sure the conditioning is right. He's worked very hard at it."

Romo was an active observer during workouts at team headquarters in May and June, part of an expanding role that Jones first alluded to in a statement the day Romo signed a six-year, \$108 million contract with \$55 million guaranteed — \$3 million more than Super Bowl winner

Joe Flacco got from Baltimore.

"We're just making a real conscious effort as an organization to say, 'Hey, let's get more out of this situation."

Let's get more out of this guy' because we believe so strongly in him," Garrett said. "And it's been a real positive change for our football team."

The Cowboys said the decision to hold Romo out of offseason workouts was mostly precautionary, but Garrett said the recovery was a little tricky because it involved his back.

Romo said it was just strange not to be able to throw.

"I used to throw for 345 days a year because I felt like you couldn't duplicate those days you missed," he said. □

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NL Capsules

Kemp homers, hurts ankle; Dodgers top Nats 9-2

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Matt Kemp returned to the lineup with a home run and a double in the same inning Sunday as the Los Angeles Dodgers completed a sweep of the Washington Nationals with a 9-2 win that kept them a half-game behind first-place Arizona in the NL West.

Activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, Kemp led off the second with a homer and then doubled home Andre Ethier in a seven-run inning against Jordan Zimmermann (12-5), quickly turning a much-anticipated matchup of All-Star aces into a rout.

Clayton Kershaw (9-6) allowed only two hits — solo homers by Jayson Werth — over seven innings with nine strikeouts and no walks, putting his major league-best ERA at 2.01. The Dodgers have won 20 of 25. This game marked the first time all season that Kemp, Hanley Ramirez and Carl Crawford were all in the lineup together. But it might be a few days before it happens again because Kemp hurt his left ankle sliding into home plate on a force play in the ninth.

Washington has dropped eight of 10.

PIRATES 3, REDS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jeff Locke allowed only an infield single through six innings as Pittsburgh beat Homer Bailey to salvage the final game of its series with Cincinnati.

The second-place Pirates left town with a three-game cushion over the NL Central-rival Reds, who won the first two games of the series.

Locke (9-2) and the majors'

second-stringiest bullpen limited the Reds to three singles, but issued seven walks and let a run score on a wild pitch. Jason Grilli worked the ninth for his 30th save in 31 chances. Locke had to miss his last scheduled start and couldn't pitch in the All-Star game because of a sore back. There were no problems when he got back on the mound. Bailey (5-9) struck out a career-high 12 but remained winless since his no-hitter against San Francisco at Great American Ball Park on July 2. Garrett Jones hit his second homer in two games, and the Pirates added a pair of runs in the seventh.

METS 5, PHILLIES 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Harvey struck out 10 in seven overpowering innings, and David Wright and Juan Lagares each hit a home run upheld by video review to lead New York over Philadelphia.

Marlon Byrd followed Wright's first-inning homer off the dark metal railing atop the new left-field wall with a no-doubter into the second deck against Cliff Lee (10-4) for the Mets' first back-to-back homers of the season.

Lagares' drive that also struck the railing in left was a three-run shot, giving New York a 5-0 lead against the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner. Lagares made a running catch in center field with Delmon Young on third base in the seventh to help preserve the shutout.

In his first outing since starting the All-Star game on his home mound, Harvey (8-2) allowed three hits in his 30th career start.

Phillies All-Star Domonic



Los Angeles Dodgers' fielder Matt Kemp reacts after being hurt and called out against the Washington Nationals during the ninth inning of a baseball game on Sunday, July 21, 2013, in Washington. The Dodgers won 9-2.
Associated Press

Brown struck out all four times up.

CARDINALS 3, PADRES 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright worked eight sharp innings for his National League-leading 13th win and Allen Craig ended the game with a leaping catch at the left-field wall as St. Louis beat San Diego. Craig has 12 hits and six RBIs during a seven-game hitting streak for the Cardinals, who took two of three in both series against the Padres this season. The St. Louis defense turned three double plays behind Wainwright (13-5), who allowed two runs with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Yonder Alonso singled three times with an RBI for the Padres. Eric Stults (8-8) allowed three runs and eight hits in six innings.

Craig's tough catch preserved Edward Mujica's 28th save in 30 chances and robbed pinch-hitter Jedd Gyorko of at least an extra-base hit that would have put the Padres.

The Cardinals, who have

won nine of 12, own the best record in the majors. The Padres have lost 19 of 24.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt hit a sacrifice fly and a double against All-Star Madison Bumgarner, Cody Ross added a late two-run single, and first-place Arizona held off a late rally by San Francisco to avoid a three-game sweep.

The Diamondbacks snapped a three-game skid with their first victory of the second half.

Randall Delgado (2-3) won in his first career start at AT&T Park, and Goldschmidt's first-inning sac fly got things going against the World Series champions. Arizona threw out Buster Posey at the plate in the sixth.

A day after stranding 13 and going 2 for 12 with runners in scoring position, the Diamondbacks did just enough against Bumgarner (10-6) in his first outing

after the All-Star break.

Ross singled in the eighth as Arizona won for just the fourth time in 16 road games.

Brad Ziegler finished a crazy ninth that featured two errors for his fourth save. The Giants scored on second baseman Aaron Hill's wild throw past first.

BREWERS 1, MARLINS 0, 13 INNINGS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Caleb Gindl hit his first career home run in the bottom of the 13th inning and Milwaukee shut out Miami for the third consecutive game.

Miami has gone a club-record 37 innings without a run, the longest drought by a major league team in 28 years.

The Houston Astros were held scoreless for 42 consecutive innings in July 1985, according to STATS.

The Marlins haven't scored since Derek Dietrich drove in two runs in the fourth inning of a 5-2 loss in 10 innings to Washington on July 14. □



Woody Austin poses with his trophy after winning the Sanderson Farms Classic golf tournament Sunday, July 21, 2013, at Annandale Golf Club in Madison, Miss.

Associated Press

DAVID BRANDT
AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Mississippi (AP)

— Woody Austin won the Sanderson Farms Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory since 2007, beating Cameron Beckman and Daniel Summerhays with an 8-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff.

The 49-year-old Austin is

the eighth oldest winner in PGA Tour history and the oldest since Fred Funk won at 50 in 2007.

Austin came into the final round two shots behind Summerhays and Nicholas Thompson, but made up ground with a 5-under 67 to finish at 20-under 268. Beckman and Summerhays both birdied No. 18

49-year-old Austin wins Sanderson Farms playoff

to match Austin, and Beckman missed a 5-foot putt that would have forced a second playoff hole.

Beckman shot 67, and Summerhays had a 69.

Austin was making his fourth PGA Tour start of the year. He has four career victories.

Summerhays and Thompson started the day tied for the lead, two shots ahead the pack.

But Thompson fell out of contention quickly with a double bogey on No. 5 and a bogey on No. 8. He finished fourth at 18 under, two shots back after a 71. Summerhays moved into the lead with a birdie on No. 9, but made bogey on 14 and fell behind until making birdies on both

Nos. 17 and 18.

It was the second straight week Summerhays failed to close a tournament after having at least a share of the lead on the final day. His drive on the playoff hole — the 5,532-yard, par-5 18th — found the bunker on the right side of the fairway and he hit into the water on his second shot. He tied for fourth the week before at the John Deere, a stroke out of a playoff after bogeying the final hole. Austin wasn't the only veteran making a move on the final day.

Beckman, a 43-year-old, recovered from a 72 in the opening round to post a 64, 65 and 67 in the final three rounds. He was tied for the lead at various times Sun-

day. He drilled an impressive 15-foot birdie putt to force the playoff, but his 5-foot putt on the playoff hole missed to the right.

Billy Andrade charged up the leaderboard with a 65 to tie for fifth at 17 under. The 49-year-old started the day seven shots off the lead but climbed quickly by shooting 7 under through his first 11 holes. He finished with seven straight pars.

It was the first day of the tournament that didn't involve a weather delay. But there was plenty of heat and humidity — as well as some wind for the first time all week — as players dealt with a soft course that received more than an inch of rain overnight. □

Sampras suspects Wimbledon record is safe

TORONTO (AP) — Pete Sampras isn't worried.

He thinks the Wimbledon men's singles record he shares with Roger Federer is safe for the foreseeable future.

"I don't know if someone in the next 10 years will be able to win five or six Wimbledons,"

the retired tennis great said during a conference call Monday leading to next month's induction into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Sampras, who will also play in the Rogers Legends Cup, and Federer have both won seven singles titles at the All England Club. Scotland's Andy Murray won his first Wimbledon crown this month.

"This was Andy's time. It was Andy's event to go and get and he did it," Sampras said. "He's definitely the man to beat at the U.S. Open."

Murray is ranked No. 2 behind Novak Djokovic. David Ferrer is No. 3, followed by Rafael Nadal and Federer.

"I think the biggest thing for me is Murray in the past

12 months has just stepped up," Sampras said.

But he doesn't see anyone being able to conquer Wimbledon's grass courts the way he and Federer did.

"Roger and myself, our game on grass was so ... dominant," Sampras said. "I think Murray can win some more and Djokovic, but I don't think that dominant game is out there that's going to win it seven times. But I could be wrong."

Of course, there is always the possibility Federer could add another. After his second-round loss at Wimbledon this year, he switched to a larger-faced racket.

"I don't know where his head's at, whether he's going to stick with it," said Sampras, who switched to a similar racket after he retired.

Sampras says it helped his backhand and made his serve more powerful.

"I wish I would have tried it, at least a little bit on the clay, when I was playing," he said. "It would have helped me a little bit." □



In this picture made available Thursday July 18, 2013 Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after he won his match against German Daniel Brands at the German Open ATP tennis tournament in Hamburg Wednesday July 17, 2013.

Associated Press

NSA revelations reframe digital life for some

OSKAR GARCIA
Associated Press

In Louisiana, the wife of a former soldier is scaling back on Facebook posts and considering unfriending old acquaintances, worried an innocuous joke or long-lost associate might one day land her in a government probe. In California, a college student encrypts chats and emails, saying he's not planning anything sinister but shouldn't have to sweat snoopers. And in Canada, a lawyer is rethinking the data products he uses to ensure his clients' privacy. As the attorney, Chris Bushong, put it: "Who wants to feel like they're being watched?"

News of the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs that targeted phone records but also information transmitted on the Internet has done more than spark a debate about privacy. Some are reviewing and changing their online habits as they reconsider some basic questions about today's interconnected world. Among them: How much should I share and how should I share it?

Some say they want to take preventative measures in case such programs are expanded. Others are looking to send a message — not just to the U.S. government but to the Internet companies that collect so much personal information.

"We all think that nobody's interested in us, we're all simple folk," said Doan Moran of Alexandria, Louisiana. "But you start looking at the numbers and the phone records ... it makes you really hesitate."

Last month former government contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents revealing that the National Security Agency, as part of its anti-terrorism efforts, had collected the phone records of millions of Americans. A second NSA program called PRISM forces major Internet firms to turn over the detailed contents of communications such as emails, video

chats, pictures and more. Moran's husband, an ex-Army man, already was guarded about using social media. Now she is looking through her Facebook "friends" to consider whom to delete, because she can't know what someone in her network might do in the future. Moran said she's uneasy because she feels unclear about what the NSA is keeping and how deep the agency's interests might go.

In Toronto, attorney Bushong let a free trial of Google's business applica-

about changes small and large — from strengthening passwords and considering encryption to ditching cellphones and using cash over credit cards. The conversations play out daily on Reddit, Twitter and other networks, and have spread to offline life with so-called "Cryptoparty" gatherings in cities including Dallas, Atlanta and Oakland, California.

Information technology professional Josh Scott hosts a monthly Cryptoparty in Dallas to show people how to operate online

users in two days after Snowden revealed himself as the source of leaks about the NSA's programs. Two search engine companies billed as alternatives to Google, Bing and Yahoo are also reporting significant surges in use. DuckDuckGo and Ixquick both promise they don't collect data from users or filter results based on previous history. DuckDuckGo went from 1.8 million searches per day to more than 3 million per day the week after the NSA revelations came to light. Ixquick

tos, dropping a popular cloud service that stores files and checking his settings on devices at home to ensure they are as private as possible.

At Ixquick, more than 45,000 people have asked to be beta testers for a new email service featuring accounts that not even the company can get into without user codes, spokeswoman Katherine Albrecht said. The company will levy a small charge for the accounts, betting that people are willing to pay for privacy. As computer users grow more savvy, they better understand that Internet companies build their businesses around data collection, Albrecht said.

"These companies are not search engines," she said. "They are brilliant market research companies. ... And you are the product."

Representatives for Google, Yahoo and PalTalk, companies named in a classified PowerPoint presentation leaked by Snowden, declined comment. Microsoft, Apple and AOL officials did not return messages. Previously, the companies issued statements emphasizing that they aren't voluntarily handing over user data to the government. They also rejected newspaper reports indicating that PRISM had opened a door for the agency to tap directly into companies' data centers whenever the government pleases. "Press reports that suggest that Google is providing open-ended access to our users' data are false, period," Google CEO Larry Page said in a blog post.

It's not clear whether big Internet companies have seen changes in how their products are used. An analysis released this month by comScore Inc. said Google sites accounted for two-thirds of Internet searches in June — about 427 million queries per day. In Tokyo, American expat Peng Zhong responded to the spying news by swapping everything from his default search engine and web browser to his computer's operating system. □



In this Thursday, July 18, 2013, photo, Kyle Maxwell, center, talks shares a laugh with others during a monthly Cryptoparty in Dallas.
Associated Press

tions expire after learning about PRISM, under which the NSA seized data from Google, Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and AOL. Bushong is moving to San Diego in August to launch a tax planning firm and said he wants to be able to promise confidentiality and respond sufficiently should clients question his firm's data security. He switched to a Canadian Internet service provider for email and is considering installing his own document servers.

"I'd like to be able to say that I've taken all reasonable steps to ensure that they're not giving up any freedoms unnecessarily," he said.

Across the Internet, computer users are talking

more privately.

"You have to decide how extreme you want to be," Scott said.

Christopher Shoup, a college student from Victorville, California, has been encouraging friends to converse on Cryptocat, a private messaging program that promises users they can chat "without revealing messages to a third party." Shoup isn't worried that his own behavior could draw scrutiny, but said the mere idea that the government could retrieve his personal communications "bothers me as an American."

"I don't think I should have to worry," he said.

Cryptocat said it nearly doubled its number of

and sister site Startpage have gone from 2.8 million searches per day to more than 4 million.

Gabriel Weinberg, chief executive of DuckDuckGo, said the NSA programs reminded people to consider privacy but that government snooping may be the least of an everyday computer user's concerns. DuckDuckGo's website warns of the pitfalls of Internet search engines, including third-party advertisements built around a user's searches or the potential for a hacker or rogue employee to gain access to personal information. Potential harm is "becoming more tangible over time," said Weinberg, who is posting fewer family pho-

S&P 500 edges higher, helped by gold miners

STEVE ROTHWELL

Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mining companies and banks helped the stock market overcome some disappointing quarterly performances on Monday.

Poor second-quarter results from a handful of large U.S. companies weighed on stocks. McDonald's fell after it reported lower global sales and warned of a tough year ahead. Media company Gannett dropped after its revenues fell short of financial analysts' expectations.

But gold and copper prices boosted mining companies, and that helped nudge the market to another all-time high.

The Dow Jones industrial rose nearly 1.8 points, or 0.01 percent, to 15,545.55. McDonald's slump weighed on the index. The restaurant chain's stock fell \$2.69, or 2.7 percent, to \$97.58.

The Nasdaq composite climbed 12.77 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,600.39.

The S&P 500 index rose three points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,695.53 on Monday. The index is at an all-time high, though trading volumes were lower than average.

Investors are looking ahead a busy week of corporate earnings. More than 150 companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index are reporting

quarterly earnings over the next four days.

For the most part, corporations have reported results that have beaten analysts' expectations, though there have been some big letdowns. On Friday, Microsoft plunged after it reported declining revenue and a big write-off on its new tablet computer. Coca-Cola slumped last Tuesday after the company said it sold less soda in North



Trader Michael Mozian works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, July 22, 2013. The stock market edged higher as a big week of earnings kicked off Monday.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

America.

"Earnings are not stellar," said Brad Reynolds, chief investment officer at investment adviser LJPR. "It just seems that the market is ok with that."

Investors were more than OK with gold Monday. Its price climbed above \$1,300 for first time in a month, giving mining stocks a big lift.

Gold gained \$43.10, or 3.3 percent, to \$1,336 an ounce, its biggest gain in more than a year. Copper rose 4 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$3.19 per pound.

Among mining companies, Newmont Mining rose \$1.66, or 5.8 percent, to \$30.35. Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold gained 59 cents, or 2.1 percent, to \$29.15.

Gold had plunged earlier in the year because inves-

ment.

Five of the 10 industry group in the S&P 500 rose. Gains were led by financial companies, which have posted some of the strongest earning reports for the quarter so far, and are expected to report average earnings growth of 23 percent for the period. Bank of America added 17 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$14.92. One sector that struggled was homebuilders. Sales of previously occupied homes slipped in June to an annual rate of 5.08 million, the National Association of Realtors said Monday.

As a result, Pulte Group fell 22 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$19.14. Lennar fell 73 cents, or 2.1 percent to \$34.80.

The stock market has surged in July after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke assured investors that the U.S. central bank would not pull back on its stimulus before the economy was strong enough. The Fed is buying \$85 billion of bonds each month to keep long-term interest rates low and to encourage spending. The S&P 500 has gained 5.6 percent in July. That puts the index on track for its best month since October 2011.

Small company stocks have fared even better. The Russell 2000 closed above 1,000 for the first time on July 5 and is up 7.8 percent for the month. □

Oil lower after housing data shows decline

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil fell Monday after the U.S. government said sales of previously occupied homes dipped in June.

West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark crude, dropped \$1.14 to finish at \$106.91 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Sales of previously occupied homes in the U.S. slipped 1.2 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.08 million. Any sign that the U.S. economic recovery is slowing can depress oil prices.

Oil is still up more than \$13 a barrel since June 21, underpinned by sharp declines in U.S. stockpiles and concerns of supply disruptions in the Middle East.

Some analysts, however, say the fundamental rules of supply and demand alone do not justify the rise and speculators are also pushing the price higher.

"While crude oil stocks have declined for three weeks in a row, fundamentals in the gasoline and distillates markets appear less supportive," said a report from JBC Energy in Vienna. "Stock levels for oil products are in line or above the 5-year average, and domestic demand is anything but impressive."

Energy analysts at The Schork Group Inc. said open interest, which is the number of open futures contracts, is at record levels as is participation of Wall Street hedge funds and investors such as commodity pool operators. They said in a report that Wall Street now owns six times as many barrels of oil in the WTI futures market as there are sitting at the Nymex oil delivery terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma.

Brent crude, which is traded on the ICE Futures exchange in London, rose 8 cents to end at \$108.15 a barrel.

In other energy futures trading on the Nymex:

— Wholesale gasoline lost 7 cents to finish at \$3.06 a gallon. □

McDonald's predicts tough year despite new items

CANDICE CHOI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's is mixing up its menu with healthier, fresher sounding items such as its chicken McWraps but not enough customers are biting.

The world's biggest hamburger chain on Monday reported a second-quarter profit that rose 4 percent but fell short of Wall Street expectations. It also said July sales are expected to be relatively flat and warned of a tough year ahead, given the heightened competition and rough economic condi-

tions around the world.

"We don't have as much pricing power," said CEO Don Thompson, noting that the company wouldn't be able to easily charge more for its food without the risk of scaring off customers.

The company's stock fell 2.8 percent, or \$2.76, at \$97.53. Over the past year, its stock is up 13 percent.

The company said sales were down 0.1 percent in Europe. Results in Germany and France dragged down its stronger performance in the United Kingdom and Russia.

In Asia, the Middle East and Africa, sales also dipped

0.3 percent, as its three biggest markets — China, Australia and Japan — saw declines.

The company, which has more than 34,000 locations worldwide, says global sales edged up 1 percent at restaurants open at least a year. The figure rose by the same amount in the U.S., where McDonald's has been touting its Dollar Menu while also trying to adapt to changing eating habits with items such as its veggie-filled chicken wraps and egg-white breakfast sandwiches.

But the small sales bump in the U.S. wasn't enough to

offset the higher advertising and promotional costs for those new items, as well as the reduced efficiency in restaurants. Operating margin declined slightly as a result.

"We threw a lot of new products at restaurants this quarter," Chief Financial Officer Pete Bensen said in a call with analysts. "So our efficiency per crew hour was down a little bit."

The tepid sales growth for the quarter ended June 30 reflects the challenges facing McDonald's Corp., which for years had been a standout in the fast-food industry. □

Earns Analysis:

Apple's 2Q results expected to show consumer cool-off

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple's latest quarterly results are likely to illustrate why investors are clamoring for the maker of the iPhone and the iPad to come out with another trend-setting device.

The report, due out after the stock market closes Tuesday, is expected to show that Apple Inc. is making less money as more customers buy its lower-priced iPhones and iPads instead of the top-of-the-line models. Other consumers increasingly are bypassing Apple products altogether as smartphones and tablet computers running Google's Android software win more fans.

Those dynamics have changed the way that Wall Street — and even

parts of Main Street — view Apple. Once regarded as an indomitable innovator, Apple now looks vulnerable and perhaps a step behind Google Inc. and the leading Android disciple,

Samsung Electronics Co. If analysts' projections pan out, Apple's earnings fell during the three months that ended in June, marking the second consecutive quarter of decline. The

slump follows a decade-long streak of earnings growth that ended at the start of the year. Analysts surveyed by FactSet are expecting, on average, earnings of \$7.34 per share, down from \$9.32 per share a year ago.

Meanwhile, analysts are forecasting little or no revenue growth for the first time since the debut of the iPhone six years ago. Analysts are expecting \$35 billion in revenue for the period, its fiscal third quarter. It was \$35 billion at the same time last year.

Those would be impressive numbers for most companies, but the bar has been set high for Apple since the introduction of its iPhone triggered an upheaval that has changed the way people engage with technology. Smartphones and

tablets are emerging as the preferred way to connect to the Internet and perform many other common computing tasks. In the process, those mobile devices are supplanting laptop and desktop computers.

Ignited by its early lead in smartphones and tablets, Apple's financial performance launched into a scintillating trajectory that catapulted its stock into Wall Street's stratosphere, too. The company's shares rose nearly six-fold from the debut of the first iPhone in 2007 to the release of the latest model last September to establish Apple as the world's most valuable company.

Since peaking 10 months ago at \$705.07, Apple's stock has plummeted by about 40 percent to about \$425 to wipe out roughly \$260 billion in shareholder wealth. It is now behind Exxon Mobil Corp. in market capitalization — at \$400 billion, compared with \$422 billion for the energy company. Not even a recent 15 percent increase in Apple's quarterly dividend has done much for the stock. Despite the downturn in the company's fortunes, Apple's products still have legions of admirers. Sales of iPhones for the just-ended quarter are expected to total about 26 million, around the same number as the same time last year. But a growing number of consumers have been content to buy the older iPhone 4 and iPhone 4S models, which are less expensive and less profitable for Apple than the iPhone 5 released last September. Stifel Nicolaus analysts Aaron Rakers and Sanji Wadhawani estimate that Apple sold about 21 million iPads in the recent quarter, which would be a 24 percent increase from 17 million iPads a year earlier. But the analysts believe most of those sales were likely for the iPad Mini, whose price starts at \$329, or \$170 less than the cheapest model of the latest full-sized iPad. □



People wait for the doors to open for the start of a keynote address at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. Apple's latest quarterly results, due out after the stock market closes Tuesday, is expected to show that Apple Inc. is making less money as more customers buy its lower-priced iPhones and iPads instead of the top-of-the-line models. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

Yahoo:

Loeb to sell 40M shares as he leaves board

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Activist investor Dan Loeb is leaving Yahoo's board with a windfall after a 15-month stint that vindicated his crusade to shake up the long-slumping company under new leadership.

Yahoo Inc. is spending \$1.16 billion to buy back 40 million of the shares that Loeb's hedge fund, Third Point LLC, began buying in 2011 around the same time Yahoo was ushering out Carol Bartz as its CEO. Third Point is being paid \$29.11 per share, more than double the average of \$13.77 per share that it paid while accumulating a 5.8 percent stake in Yahoo. Based on that price, Loeb and his New York hedge fund will realize a pretax gain of about \$610 million from the sale.

Loeb, who already has an estimated fortune of \$1.5 billion, will retain a stake of less than 2 percent in Yahoo.

Yahoo was mired in a prolonged financial funk

and management turmoil when Loeb bought his stake. He forced the departure of former Yahoo CEO Scott Thompson in 2012 by revealing that Thompson did not have a computer science degree, as the company had previously stated. When Thompson stepped down that May, Loeb joined the Yahoo board along with two of his hand-picked choices, turnaround specialist Harry Wilson and former MTV executive Michael Wolfe. Wilson and Wolfe are leaving Yahoo's board along with Loeb. Loeb also helped prod the Sunnyvale, California, company to sell nearly half its stake in Chinese Internet company Alibaba Group in a \$7.6 billion deal. Yahoo still retains a 24 percent stake in Alibaba, whose success is the main reason that Yahoo's stock has done so well during the past year.

The shares have risen about 80 percent since Yahoo named longtime Google Inc. executive Marissa Mayer as CEO two months after Loeb joined

the board. Loeb helped persuade Mayer to defect from Google after she had spent 13 years at that company.

"Daniel Loeb had the vision to see Yahoo for its immense potential — the potential to return to greatness as a company and the

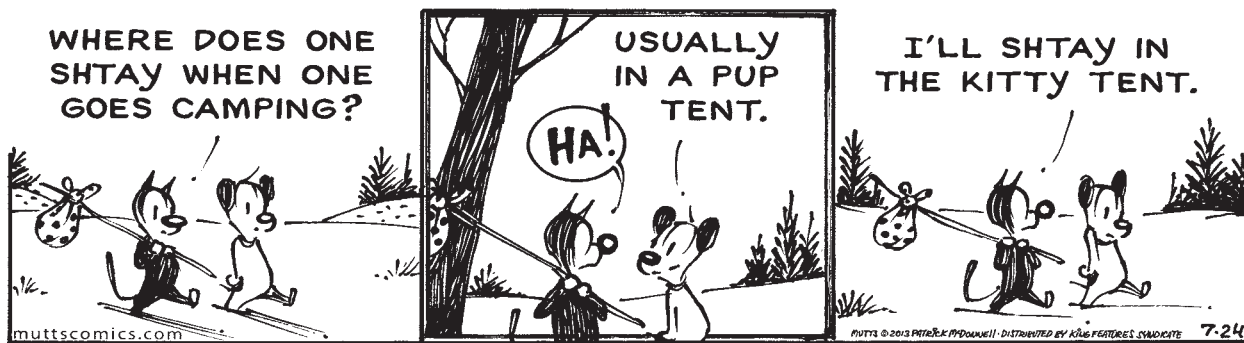


Photo shows a sign in front of Yahoo! headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif. Activist investor Dan Loeb and two other directors nominated by his hedge fund are leaving Yahoo's board after big gains in the Internet company's stock price over the past year. Yahoo is also buying back 40 million shares of its common stock from Third Point LLC, Loeb's hedge fund. Shares hit a 5-year high of \$29.83 on Thursday, July 18, 2013. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

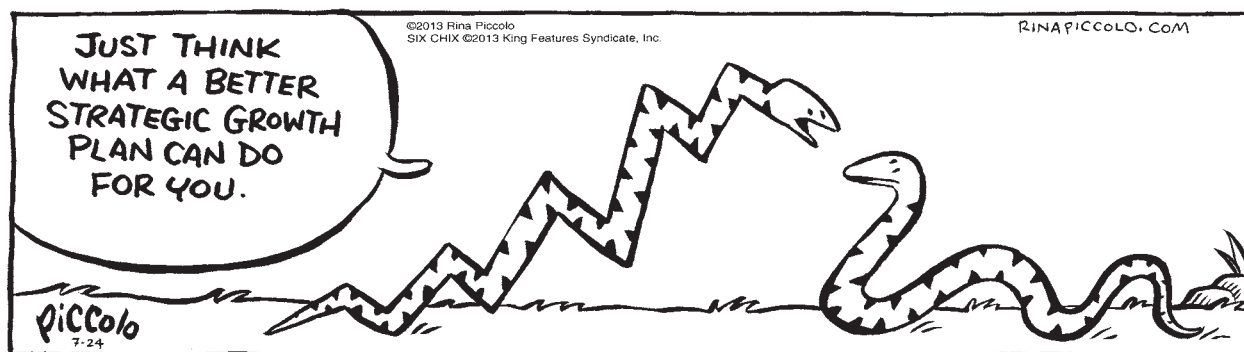
Since Mayer's arrival, Yahoo has shown modest growth in most quarters, although the company is still losing ground to Google and Facebook Inc. in the online advertising market that generates most of their revenue.

potential to deliver significant shareholder value," Mayer said in a statement. Investors seemed to interpret Loeb's decision to sell most of his holdings in the company as a sign that he thinks the shares may have peaked for a while. □

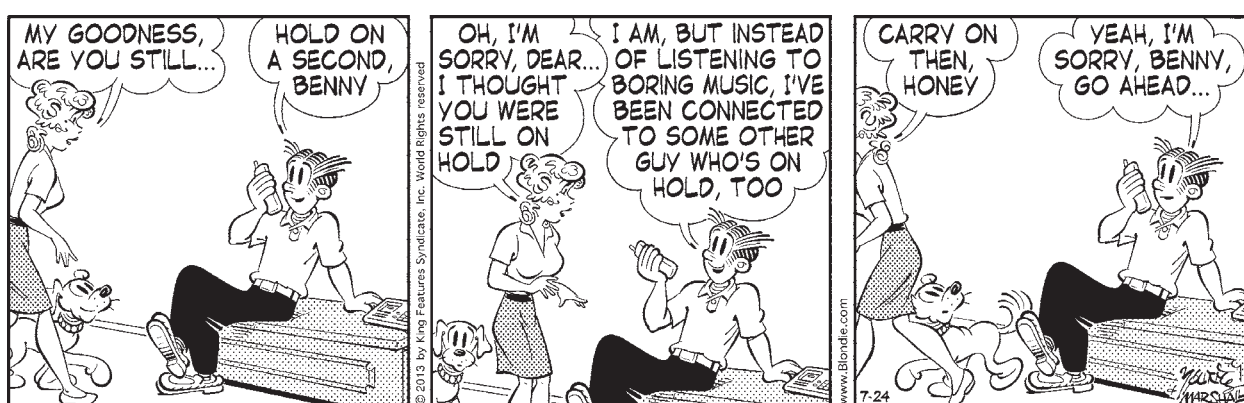
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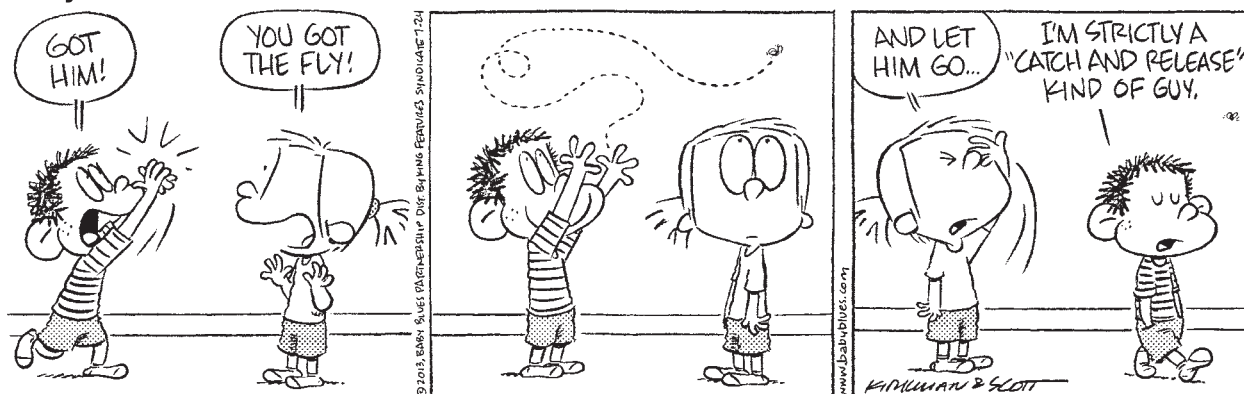
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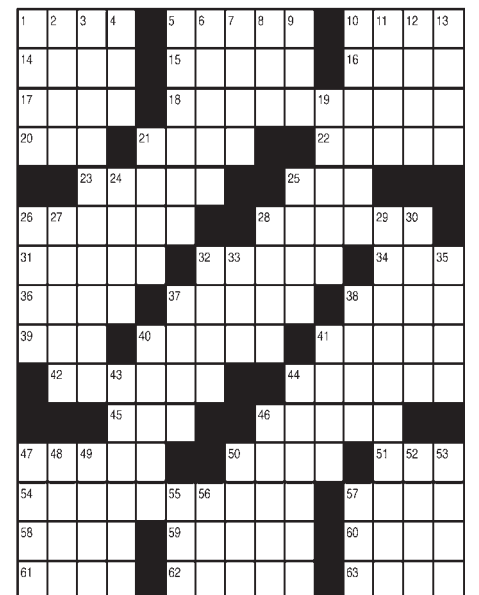
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Some ex-US presidents keep up 'a hyperactive role'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first 200 years of the United States, just three presidents survived more than two decades after leaving office. The odds have improved considerably since then. Jimmy Carter is 88 now, and 32 years out of office. No one has survived

people who leave the White House and continue to take a hyperactive role in American life," said presidential historian Douglas Brinkley of Rice University. He pointed to former presidents including John Quincy Adams, who was

as time passes and memories of hard-fought presidential battles soften. Bush, whose presidential center in Texas was dedicated in April and whose 2010 memoir, "Decision Points," was a best-seller, has seen his poll numbers



In this April 25, 2013, file photo President Barack Obama, from left, and four former presidents, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter appear together at a dedication ceremony in Dallas, Texas.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

longer after leaving the White House. George H.W. Bush, 89, passed the two-decade mark this year. Bill Clinton and George W. Bush are going strong. With the increasing longevity comes expanding opportunities for influence. George W. Bush in recent weeks made headlines by speaking out for immigration reform and appearing in Africa at a wreath-laying with President Barack Obama to remember victims of terrorism. Clinton, with his philanthropic work and a wife who's a potential presidential candidate in 2016, is never far from the news. The elder Bush, although frail, was at the White House last week for a ceremony promoting the volunteerism program he started as president. And Carter, noted for his years of work to advance human rights, spoke out last week against "legal bribery of candidates" in the U.S. in the form of unchecked political contributions by outside groups. "There's a whole class of

an outspoken opponent of slavery as a member of the House, and Theodore Roosevelt, who created the Bull Moose Party and tried to regain the presidency. Recent chief executives have tended to start their post-presidential years relatively quietly, taking time to regroup and give the new guy space to operate. They focus on raising money for their presidential libraries/centers. They write memoirs. Their poll numbers improve

rebound. Bush's presence in Africa during Obama's visit to the continent offered a reminder of his efforts to fight HIV and AIDS there. But his comments on immigration reform seemed to have zero impact on fellow Republicans in the House of Representatives, whose wariness of anything that appears to be amnesty for people in the U.S. illegally is a challenge to the progress of sweeping, Obama-supported legislation on the issue. □

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Gold rush-era discards could fuel cellphones, TVs

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SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Across the U.S. West, early miners digging for gold, silver and copper had no idea that one day something else very valuable would be buried in the piles of dirt and rocks they tossed aside.

There's a rush in the U.S. to find key components of cellphones, televisions, weapons systems, wind turbines, MRI machines and the regenerative brakes in hybrid cars, and old mine tailings piles just might be the answer. They may contain a group of versatile minerals the periodic table called rare earth elements. "Uncle Sam could be sitting on a gold mine," said Larry Meinert, director of the mineral resource program for the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia.

The USGS and Department of Energy are on a nationwide scramble for deposits of the elements that make magnets lighter, bring balanced hues to fluorescent lighting and color to the touch screens of smartphones in order to break the Chinese stranglehold on those supplies.

They were surprised to find that the critical elements could be in plain sight in piles of rubble otherwise considered eyesores and toxic waste. One era's junk could turn out to be this era's treasure.

"Those were almost never analyzed for anything other than what they were mining for," Meinert said. "If they turn out to be valuable that is a win-win on several fronts — getting us off our dependence on China and having a resource we didn't know about."

The 15 rare earth elements were discovered long after the gold rush began to wane, but demand for them only took off over the past 10 years as electronics became smaller and more sophisticated. They begin with number 57 Lanthanum and end with 71 Lutetium, a group of metallic chemical elements

that are not rare as much as they are just difficult to mine because they occur in tiny amounts and are often stuck to each other. Unlike metals higher up

maker of the Prius, in a dispute over international fishing territory.

That's when the U.S. government went into emergency mode and sent

like cellphones," said Alex King, director of the Critical Materials Institute of the Department of Energy's Ames Research Lab in Iowa. "Our job is to solve

across the West during the gold rush days by geologists from Stanford University and Cal Tech.

"If we could recycle some of this waste and get something out of it that was waste years ago that isn't waste today, that certainly is a goal," said Alan Koenig, the USGS scientist in charge of the tailings project. One sample collected in 1870 from an area near Sparks, Nevada, where miners had searched for a viable copper vein, has shown promise and has given researchers clues in the search for more. They have found that some rare earths exist with minerals they had not previously known occur together.

"The copper mine never went into production, but now after all of this time we've analyzed it and it came back high with Indium, which is used in photovoltaic panels. It never economically produced copper, but it gives us insight into some associations we didn't previously recognize," Koenig said. Indium also has been found in the defunct copper mine that dominates the artsy southern Arizona town of Bisbee. □



In this undated photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey is a rock sample being analyzed in a Denver laboratory consisting of quartz, fine grain (microscopic) pyrite, galena and sphalerite.
Associated Press

on the table such as silver and gold, there's no good agent for dissolving elements so closely linked in atomic structure without destroying the target. It makes mining for them tedious and expensive.

"The reason they haven't been explored for in the U.S. was because as long as China was prepared to export enough rare earths to fill the demand, everything was fine — like with the oil cartels. When China began to use them as a political tool, people began to see the vulnerability to the U.S. economy to having one source of rare earth elements," said Ian Ridley, director of the USGS Central Mineral and Environmental Resources Science Center in Colorado. Two years ago, China raised prices — in the case of Neodymium, used to make Prius electric motors stronger and lighter, from \$15 a kilogram in 2009 to \$500 in 2011, while Dysprosium oxide used in lasers and halide lamps went from \$114 a kilogram in 2010 to \$2,830 in 2011. There's also the time China cut off supplies to Japan,

geologists to hunt for new domestic sources.

"What we have is a clash of supply and demand. It's a global problem. A growing middle class around the world means more and more people want things

the problem any way we can."

At the University of Nevada-Reno and Colorado School of Mines, USGS scientists used lasers to examine extensive samples of rocks and ore collected

Full dinosaur tail excavated in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican paleontologists say they have uncovered 50 vertebrae believed to be a full dinosaur tail in the northern desert of Coahuila state.

The National Institute of Anthropology and History says the tail is about 15 feet (5 meters) long and resembles that of a hadrosaur or crested duckbill dinosaur.

An institute Monday says it's not yet possible to confirm the species, but it would be the first full tail of that kind in Mexico.

Paleontologist Felisa Aguilar says they uncovered roughly half of the dinosaur, which was 36 feet (12 meters) long and lived about 72

million years ago. The excavation took 20 days in the municipality of General Cepeda in the northern state that borders

Texas. The paleontologists, working with Mexico's National Autonomous University, also found hip bones. □



In this undated image released by Mexico's National Anthropology and History Institute (INAH) on Monday, July 22, 2013, the tail of a dinosaur is uncovered at a paleontological dig site near the town of General Cepeda in northern Mexico.
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In this Sept. 6, 2009, file photo, director Michael Moore and wife Kathleen Glynn arrive for the premiere of the film 'Capitalism: a Love Story' at the 66th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy.

Associated Press

Michael Moore files for divorce after 21 years

BELLAIRE, Michigan (AP) — Filmmaker Michael Moore has filed for divorce after 21 years of marriage to Kathleen Glynn, his collaborator on the Oscar-winning "Bowling for Columbine" and other projects. Moore filed a divorce complaint June 17 in Michigan's Antrim County, where the couple has a lakefront home. It says their relationship has broken down and "there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be pre-

served." Clerk of Court Sheryl Guy said Monday that Glynn has not filed a response. A final hearing is scheduled for Sept. 10. Moore and Glynn married in Flint in 1991. Glynn is listed as producer or executive producer for many of Moore's hard-hitting documentary films, including "Fahrenheit 9/11," "Sicko" and "Capitalism: A Love Story." They did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment. □

Rita Moreno to receive SAG Life Achievement Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Rita Moreno will receive the Life Achievement Award for career and humanitarian accomplishments at the 20th annual SAG Awards. Screen Actors Guild & American Federation of Television and Radio Artists Co-President Ken Howard made the announcement Monday.

He said Moreno is the 50th recipient of the award, "the most prestigious honor we bestow."

Moreno, 81, won a best supporting actress Oscar for 1961's "West Side Story." She has also won two Emmys, a Tony and a Grammy Award, one of the few artists to win all four



In this March 6, 2012 file photo, actress Rita Moreno poses for a portrait at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

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top show business awards. She currently appears in TV Land's "Happily Divorced." The SAG Awards will air Jan. 18, 2014. □

Redford joins fight against horse slaughter

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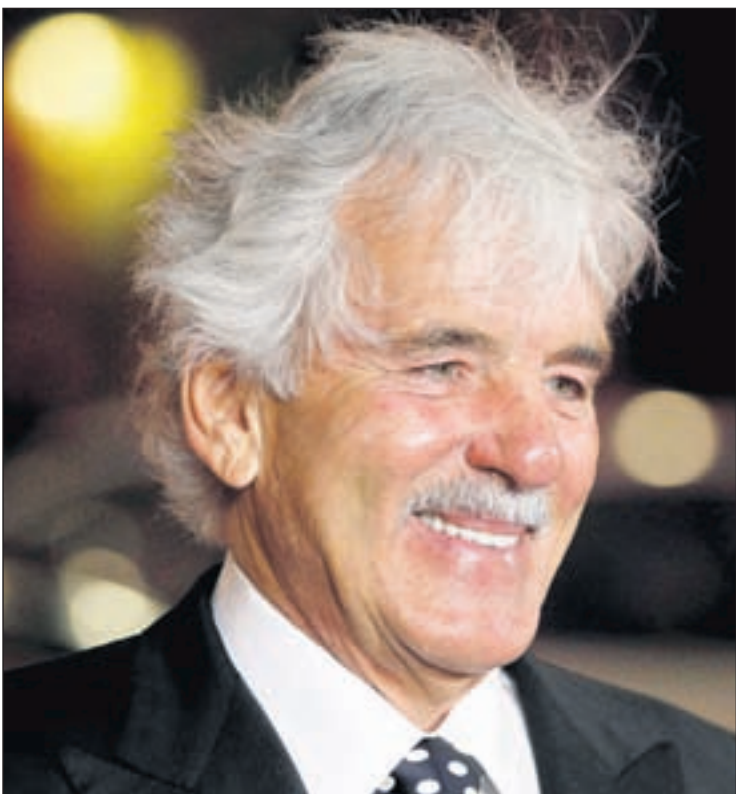
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — Robert Redford has joined the fight against the reopening of the first horse slaughter plants in the U.S.

The actor on Monday announced the formation of the Foundation to Pro-

tect New Mexico Wildlife, whose first act is to join a federal lawsuit filed by the Humane Society and other groups to block the planned Aug. 5 opening of the first horse slaughterhouses in the U.S. to operate in more than six years. "Horse slaughter has no place in our culture," Red-

ford said in a statement. "It is cruel, inhumane, and perpetuates abuse and neglect of these beloved animals." Meat from the slaughterhouses would be shipped to some countries for human consumption and for use as zoo and other animal food. □

Dennis Farina, star of 'Law & Order,' dead at 69



In this Jan. 25, 2012 file photo, Dennis Farina arrives at the premiere for the HBO television series "Luck" in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Farina, a onetime Chicago cop who as a popular actor played a cop on "Law & Order," has died.

Farina died Monday morning in a Scottsdale, Arizona, hospital after suffering a blood clot in his lung, according to his publicist, Lori De Waal. He was 69.

For three decades, Farina was a character actor who displayed remarkable dexterity, charm and, when called for, toughness, making effective use of his craggy face, steel-gray hair, ivory smile and ample mustache.

Farina appeared in films including "Get Shorty," "Saving Private Ryan," "Midnight Run" and "Out Of Sight."

Among his many TV portrayals was Detective Joe Fontana on "Law & Order" during the 2004-06 seasons. He starred in the 1980s cult favorite "Crime Story" and was a regular in the 2011-12 HBO drama "Luck." He recently completed shooting a comedy, "Lucky Stiff."

A veteran of the Chicago theater, Farina appeared in Joseph Mantegna's "Bleacher Bums" and "Streamers," directed by Terry Kinney, among other productions.

Born Feb. 29, 1944, in Chicago, he was a city detective before he found his way into the acting profession as he neared his forties. His first film was the 1981 action drama "Thief," directed by Michael Mann, whom he had met through

a mutual friend while still working for the Chicago Police Department.

"I remember going to the set that day and being intrigued by the whole thing," Farina recalled in a 2004 interview with The Associated Press. "I liked it. And everybody was extremely nice to me. If the people were rude and didn't treat me right, things could have gone the other way."

Farina is survived by three sons, six grandchildren and his longtime partner, Marianne Cahill. □



Shirley Jones offers naked truth in new book

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shirley Jones opens the door to her house and appears every inch the ladylike Marian the librarian or sweet farm girl Laurey or cheerfully steady Mrs. Partridge, offering a warm smile and handshake.

Her elegant, modestly high-necked jacket is black, her makeup is discreet and her silver hair tidy. Jones' living room has the sort of traditional furniture and knickknacks (exception: a prominent Academy Award) that would fit any suburban house.

It all adds up to the publicly familiar Shirley Jones, whose crystalline soprano voice and dewy prettiness made her an immediate star in the 1950s film versions of "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel" and who captured a subsequent generation of fans in TV's "The Partridge Family" in the 1970s.

Then there's "Shirley Jones," her new autobiography (written with Wendy Leigh and published by Simon & Schuster's Gallery Books imprint) that turns the 79-year-old actress' image on its head in startling — even shocking — ways. "So bring out the smelling salts, hang on to your hats, and get ready for the surprise of your lives!" she writes, coyly, in the book's introduction. It's not false advertising.

There's a recounting of her early life and dazzling career that included working with two musical theater masters, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, as well as many of Hollywood's top actors, includ-

whose lessons she shares candidly. That includes — X-rated spoiler alert — Cassidy's impressive endowment, Jones' own "highly sexed" nature that made orgasms a breeze, their threesome

said firmly. And her autobiography makes that abundantly clear, although she says it took the passing of years for to bring such candor.

"I never would have written this book if I weren't the

the role that she considers her most important. It also brought backlash from her admirers.

"I got letters up the kazoo: 'Why would you ever take a part like this?' Jones recalls.

Marty Ingels, the comedian who is her second husband of 35 years and counting, jokes that he is offended by her personal history.

"All that stuff she did with her husband (Cassidy), all those adventures I'm looking into the grounds of having my marriage annulled," he said.

That draws a boisterous guffaw from Jones, whose loyalty to her outspoken, eccentric spouse has provoked speculation about how she could have jumped to Ingels from Cassidy, deeply troubled but unquestionably urbane.

Ingels lives up to his image by joining the conversation attired in a purple bathrobe and an oversized top hat with "HUSBAND" printed on it, and cracking jokes about being kept in an attic. Jones has a simple answer for doubters: Ingels makes her laugh every day and keeps life from being boring.

Her sexuality remains unabated, said the naturally youthful-looking Jones (healthy eating, daily exercise and no plastic surgery, she said). She is eager to quash the idea that age kills passion or friskiness. □



In this Monday, July 15, 2013 photo, actress Shirley Jones poses for a portrait at her home in Los Angeles. Jones' autobiography, "Shirley Jones," is being released Tuesday, July 23.

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ing Marlon Brando (king of the retakes to exhaustion, Jones said), Jimmy Stewart (charmingly ditsy) and Richard Widmark (the only co-star she fell in love with). But a substantial part of the book is spent on her troubled marriage to the late Jack Cassidy, the glossily handsome actor and singer whom she describes in a passage as her first lover and "sexual Svengali," and

with another woman ("yuck," she says, when asked about the onetime experiment), Cassidy's premarital sexual encounter with Cole Porter that Jones says left her unfazed, and her apparent tolerance for his infidelities.

The character of Marian, the spinsterish librarian in 1962's "The Music Man," another smash hit for Jones, "wasn't me," she

age I am now," she said. So she's grown-up enough to tell her story, and her admirers should be grown-up enough to read it? "That's exactly how I feel," replied Jones.

She overturned her squeaky-clean image once before with her Oscar-winning portrayal of a vengeful prostitute in "Elmer Gantry" (1960) opposite Burt Lancaster, and

Spike Lee launches Kickstarter campaign for film



In this June 10, 2013 file photo, Spike Lee attends the eighth annual Made in New York Awards in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The next Spike Lee film will be a Kickstarter production. Following in the footsteps of "Veronica Mars" and Zach Braff, Lee has launched an online campaign to help fund his next feature film. The filmmaker on Monday unveiled his bid to raise \$1.25 million over the next month using the fundraising site Kickstarter.

Lee offered few details on the film but said it would be about "the addiction of blood."

The 56-year-old director

said he was inspired to crowd-source the film after hearing from a student of his that the "Veronica Mars" movie raised \$5.7 million on Kickstarter, and Braff's film pulled in \$3.1 million.

Said Lee in a video posted on his Kickstarter page: "When I heard about that, I said, 'Oh, snap!'" Lee, the director of "Do the Right Thing" and "Malcolm X," is easily the most established filmmaker yet to use the service to raise money for a feature. His remake of the 2003 South

Korean thriller "Oldboy" is to be released in October.

Kickstarter, which takes a percentage of donations, has found supporters who like the ability to circumvent the usual means of film production, and critics who call it digital panhandling and lament that backers, unlike typical film investors, get no cut of any eventual grosses. In a video message, Lee said the current climate is difficult on independent filmmakers and the only way to insure your vision

gets on screen "is when you bring the money to the table."

Contribution levels range up to \$10,000, which earns a trip with Lee to a New York Knicks professional basketball game in his court-side seats.

"Do you wish to see Human Beings dealing with each other on a Human Level?" asked Lee.

"How many more explosions with Ear splitting Sound Effects can you take? C'mon People, please get behind this Joint." □

Sex Scandals In The Sun



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Political sex scandals are much more enjoyable when you weren't rooting for the politician. This brings us to San Diego. I know you were dying to be brought to San Diego, people. How could you not? It has such wonderful weather.

Also, terrible government. The public pension system is billions of dollars in the hole. Fire services are underfunded, and Southern California is not a place where you want to scrimp on fire services.

In November, for the first time in forever, San Diego voters elected a liberal Democrat as mayor. Bob Filner, a longtime congressman, ran as a champion of city neighborhoods, which always got short shrift from a government fixated on downtown business interests. "This is a town where the hoteliers have treated City Hall as their personal ATM machine," said Steve Erie, a professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego.

Filner, 70, was just beginning what was supposed to be a war to shift resources from the big guys to the little people. Then, this week, some of his prominent supporters called for his resignation, claiming he had sexually harassed staff members and campaign volunteers.

The complainants, who reportedly include a 72-year-old constituent, have not yet come forward in public. Filner says he's not going anywhere. But when the politician's first defense is "I'm a hugger," it does not necessarily bode well.

Things couldn't get much worse. San Diego is the eighth-largest city in the nation. Reforming it while fighting charges that you regularly grabbed women by the buttocks or put them into a "Filner headlock" seems close to impossible.

The nation is always going to have political sex crises, but, in a perfect world, we would confine them to Congress. The only thing you really need members of Congress to do is vote the way you want them to. They can be a day away from indictment or as crazy as a loon and it doesn't make a whole lot of difference. For instance, you may be totally unaware that this week we got a new chapter in the story of the private life of Rep. Steve Cohen of Tennessee. His saga went like this:

- Congressman gets caught

sending a lovey-dovey text to an aspiring swimsuit model.

- In defense, congressman announces that the woman in question is actually his recently uncovered love child.

- Congressman and surprise daughter take DNA tests for CNN. There's no relationship.

- Asked for further comment, congressman tells a female reporter: "You're very attractive, but I'm not talking about it."

Now, Cohen's constituents in Memphis no doubt had a lot to discuss over the dinner table. Otherwise, their lives went on exactly the same as they did before.

But, if you are in San Diego, you do not want the chief executive's energies directed toward defending his sexual behavior. New Yorkers who lived through the Rudy Giuliani marital meltdown could tell you about that.

Yet Filner has decided he can handle things. There was that initial vow for self-improvement. ("If my behavior doesn't change, I cannot succeed in leading our city.") Then came the inevitable swing to self-defense. ("I believe a full presentation of the facts will vindicate me.")

You could certainly argue that the voters who elected Filner were already aware that he was no prize on the personal front. During the campaign, one of the opposition's ads featured the story of a United Airlines customer service representative who had filed assault-and-battery charges against him. (The then-congressman went ballistic when his luggage was slow to arrive on the carousel. He eventually pleaded no contest to a lesser charge and paid a fine.)

"Everybody knew he had a kind of East Coast demeanor," a former supporter, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, said in a phone interview. New Yorkers might have taken offense at that remark, but we are in the Weiner-Spitzer summer. Gonzalez, whose brother, a lawyer, represents some of Filner's accusers, said she had viewed the mayor as a guy from another generation who needed some coaching in how to deal with the opposite sex - until she talked to victims.

Then she decided that, even if she helped create a terrible mess, she wanted to speak up. "We have a moral responsibility when we find things out to call for what's right," she said. Ever since the Clinton impeachment crisis, we've been discovering how much personal misbehavior we're prepared to ignore in elected officials. Hypocrisy, for sure. Adultery, definitely. Chronic lying, maybe. Financial skulduggery, possibly. But there are a few qualities that define us as a nation. We couldn't tolerate an official who dragged his underlings into the office and subjected them to a barrage of racial epithets. The same goes for a sexual predator who made female workers feel demeaned, uncomfortable and frightened.

We'll see how it goes. At least San Diego has the beaches. □



Getting Skewered In New Orleans



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NEW ORLEANS - "All rise," boomed the bailiff as the Honorable Carl J. Barbier strode to the bench in his courtroom here. It was 8:35 Friday morning. Barbier was frowning.

The federal judge overseeing the civil litigation related to the BP oil spill, Barbier had called this hearing because BP had asked for a temporary halt to the payments it was making through a claims process overseen by the court. The judge wasn't a bit happy about it.

When I first delved into this subject last week, my main point was that it sure looked as though the local plaintiffs' lawyers who had originally sued BP had - how should I put this? - a home-court advantage.

Although BP has paid some \$11 billion to spill victims since 2010, a group of local plaintiffs' lawyers had sued and succeeded in wresting a settlement from the London-based company that was expected to cost an additional \$7.8 billion. The settlement made clear that many businesses were going to get money even though their losses had nothing to do with the spill. For BP, this was the cost of peace with the powerful Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, as it is called. (It also agreed not to contest lawyers' fees up to - are you sitting down? - \$600 million.) What BP hadn't expected was

that Patrick Juneau, the Louisiana lawyer administering the claims, would come up with an interpretation for calculating losses at odds with normal accounting practices, driving the potential cost into the stratosphere. When BP complained to Barbier, the Louisiana judge stood by Juneau. (BP is appealing.) But there was another plot twist: Two of Juneau's senior lawyers, Lionel "Tiger" Sutton III and Christine Reitano, a husband-and-wife team, had represented claimants before joining Juneau's staff. Incredibly, while on the claims administration staff, they had allegedly solicited fees from the law firm that now holds their former claims. (Juneau's third senior lawyer, by the way, is his son.) Recently, Sutton resigned and Reitano was terminated, and Barbier brought in Louis Freeh, the former director of the FBI, to conduct a wide-ranging investigation. That inquiry continues. Given the undeniable taint that now surrounds Juneau's operation, BP's request to stop the payments temporarily seems pretty reasonable. As BP's lawyer Jeff Clark put it, "We think we are asking for something fairly modest." He argued that it would be impossible to get back any money that went out the door improperly, and, besides, wouldn't it be better to see what Freeh uncovered before starting up payments again?

Barbier was having none of it. From the start of the hearing, he constantly badgered Clark - a lawyer from (uh-oh) Washington, D.C. - demanding proof that there was something wrong with the claims process. "Where is your evidence?" he demanded. "Respond to my question!" Barbier went through a litany of what is required to get a claim approved to show Clark that the process was incorruptible, even if it had employed a few allegedly corrupt lawyers. Indeed, at one point he objected to Clark's use of

the word "corruption." "Let's use another word that is not as inflammatory," he said.

Ah, but then it was time for Juneau's lawyer, Rick Stanley, to speak, and the mood in the courtroom suddenly changed. I had interviewed Juneau the day before, and he had told me he was essentially a bystander in disputes between BP and the plaintiffs' lawyers, willing to do whatever the court instructed him. Yet here was his lawyer - a Louisianan, it goes without saying - making the plaintiffs' arguments for them: That BP's money should continue to flow to claimants. Juneau had done his own investigation, he said, showing that no claims had been tainted and that there was no evidence of other problems. After a series of softball questions from Barbier, Stanley took his seat.

What was left for Stephen Herman, representing the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, to argue? Not a thing! So, instead, he simply stood at the podium, while Barbier made a speech that had nothing to do with the case at hand. He praised Juneau, and complained about those in the news media who had denigrated him. He went on a long rant about how Juneau had come to be chosen. Later, after he had kicked Clark around a little more, he denied the motion, made yet another speech about the wonderful Patrick Juneau, and described recent remarks by Bob Dudley, BP's chief executive, who had gone on TV to complain about the settlement, as "offensive." He blamed BP for spreading "misinformation" about a settlement that, it was now clear, he was deeply invested in. He, and I should add, all the Louisiana lawyers in his courtroom.

"The court reminds the parties that it retains exclusive jurisdiction" over the BP case, said Barbier in conclusion. That sounded like a threat to me.

But what do I know? I'm from New Orleans. □

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim: Swimwear has a wild side this season!

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MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP)

— Welcome to the jungle. The latest swimwear trends have a wild side this season, with animal and tropical foliage prints seen on the runways at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim 2014 at the Raleigh Hotel in Miami Beach. Orange made a splash at the Cia.Maritima (now CM) and Nanette Lepore shows. And the must-have accessory this season is a bold necklace, from the oversized rosary-style crosses seen at Poko Pano to the gold-covered medal necklaces at Dolores Cortes.

Newcomer Maaji made its swim week debut, as did Lepore and Betsey Johnson. And Mara Hoffman was named the Mercedes-Benz Presents Designer this season, recognizing her work using quality materials, unique style and innovative design.

Swim week, featuring nearly three dozen designers, started on Thursday and

ran through Monday.

AGUA BENDITA

Colombian duo Catalina Alvarez and Mariana Hincastro showed an eclectic mix again this season, from a leather-looking vest with studs to safari-themed suits with corresponding backpacks and a traveler's briefcase covered in badges. Snake-skin prints in bright colors also made their way into the collection, along with neon beadwork and other embellishments.

Keeping with the jungle theme of the season, Agua Bendita showed a blue monokini in a bold elephant print with a contrasting pattern that lined the top. Kaftans and fringed-crop tops were adorned with animal prints, including a lion face with matching backpack.

The one-piece with tribal pattern was a standout, with the image of binoculars in colorful beadwork appearing as if hanging over the model's neck.

POKO PANO

Designer Paola Robba pays homage to her homeland with designs inspired by myths, legends and beliefs of Brazil.

In soft pastels and warm tones of burnt orange and lilac, Robba included animal prints such as penguins and jaguars in her 40-plus collection for Poko Pano. Gold-plated hardware appeared on bikini tops and bottoms as well as handmade, eco-friendly beads — with oversized crosses, resembling a rosary.

Orange and red were prevalent in this collection, including a red polka-dot triangle top with printed bottom.

"I love strong colors because Brazil is a colorful place," Robba said.

LULI FAMA

Opening with a dance number, Luli Fama included an eclectic mix of jewel tones and rainbow colors in different prints paired with festive looks and artfully-placed embellishments.

Born in Cuba and raised in



A model walks the runway during the Agua Bendita show at the 2013 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim show in Miami Beach, Fla.
(AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

Miami, Lourdes "Luli" Hanimian collaborates with her brother-in-law Augusto Hanimian for the more than 60 looks of the season. The

looks included a corset-style top, multiple string-sided bottoms and crochet tops. Ruffles (in white with gold trimming) and lace trims also were featured on several pieces in the collection that included ruched bottoms and thongs as well as fringe tanks and maxi dresses.

MAAJI

Colombian-swimwear line Maaji made its debut at swim week with an unexpected mix of boho and nautical inspired trends — and lingerie.

Head designer Juliana Londono and lingerie designer Nani Valenzuela incorporated an assortment of floral and animal (flamingos, toucans) prints and unique cuts into the collection of women and men's swimwear, as well as a dozen lingerie looks that opened the show — from a pineapple printed triangle top to a floral-printed mesh cheeky bottom.

All of the women's swimwear is reversible. As for men's fashion, the swimwear looks included prints in pink and lemon with a contrasting trim print. □



Models walk the runway during the Luli Fama show at the 2013 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim show in Miami Beach, Fla.
(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)